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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2
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Directing the staff of the House Committee on Appropriations to establish a searchable budget database website detailing where, for what purpose, and what results are achieved for all taxpayer investments in state government.

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

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WHEREAS, a successful representative government must operate with the full support of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a paramount need for all of the actions of the government to be transparent in order for its citizens to maintain the highest level of trust; and

WHEREAS, in addition, there is a need for citizens to be able to observe and review all legislative actions of government in order to be informed partners in government; and

WHEREAS, no action of the government has more effect on the people than budget decisions; and

WHEREAS, currently the biennial budget, which is the single largest individual legislation considered by the General Assembly, is extremely difficult for the ordinary citizen to understand or review; and

WHEREAS, citizens should be able to access easily the details on how the state is spending their tax dollars and what performance results are achieved for those expenditures; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the staff of the House Committee on Appropriations should create and maintain a searchable budget database website detailing where, for what purpose, and what results are achieved for all taxpayer investments in state government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the House Committee on Appropriations be directed to establish a searchable budget database website detailing where, for what purpose, and what results are achieved for all taxpayer investments in state government.