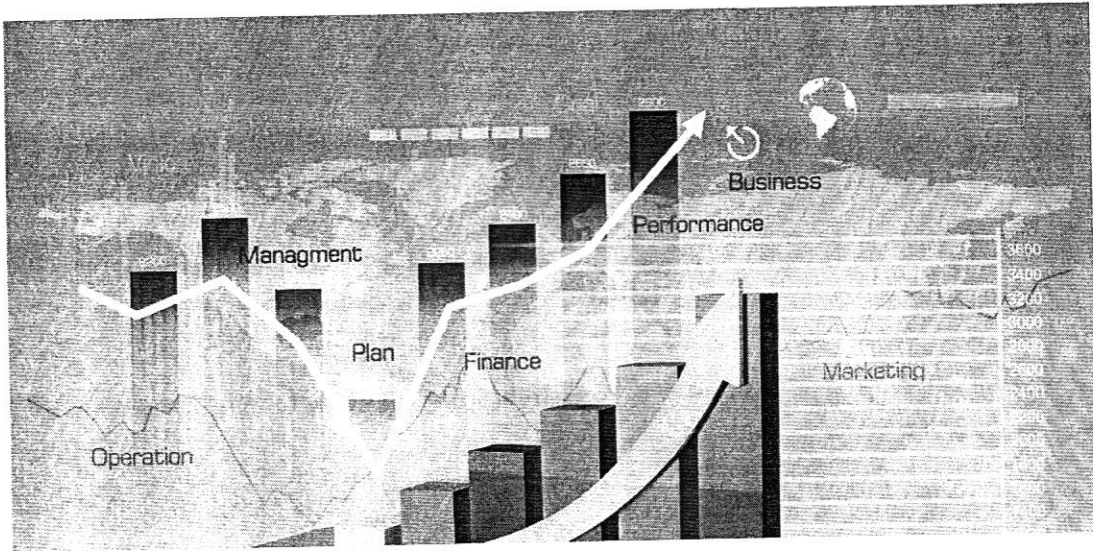


SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE



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AND REVENUE ON “THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBT
LIMITATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026” REFERRED BY THE
HOUSE ON 15TH MAY, 2026

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, and Revenue, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (Amendment) Bill, 2026" introduced by Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, State Minister for Finance and Revenue, on behalf of Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Finance and Revenue, and referred by the house on 15th May, 2026 to the Committee for Consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under: -

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
5. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
6. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
7. Senator Shahzaib Durrani	Member
8. Senator Fesal Vawda	Member
9. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
10. Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Member
11. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
12. Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir	Member
13. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
14. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
15. Minister for Finance and Revenue	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the said Bill in its meeting held on 19th May, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members:-

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir	Member
4. State Minister For Finance and Revenue	Ex-officio Member

4. The officials from Ministry of Finance briefed the Committee about the overall objectives of the Bill. It was informed that debt management office (DMO) has been established under the “The Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act, 2005, (FRDL) and has operated as a small establishment. Therefore the proposed amendment seeks to strengthen the DMO by providing necessary human resource for the effective planning and management of the Government’s debt.

5. After detailed discussion the Committee unanimously recommended that the bill as transmitted from the National Assembly to the Senate may be passed. Copy of the bill is annexed.

6. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.



(IFFAT MUSTAFA)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA)
Chairman Committee

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act, 2005

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act, 2005 (VI of 2005), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. **Short title and commencement.** -(1) This Act shall be called the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 12, Act VI of 2005.**- In the Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act, 2005 (VI of 2005), in section 12, -

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "four executives including a director general and three directors", the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"executives including a director general and as many directors as may be determined by the committee referred to in sub-section (5)"; and

(b) in sub-section (2), for rider clause, the following shall be substituted, namely: -


"(2) The director general and the directors shall be appointed on contract basis for a term of three years on the basis of eligibly criteria including academic, professional qualifications and experience as may be prescribed. The contract may be extended subject to performance evaluation:".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation (FRDL) Act, 2005 (as amended upto 2022), provides for reduction of federal fiscal deficit and ratio of public debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to a prudent level through effective public debt management.

The Debt Management Office (DMO) has been established under the Act *ibid* and has historically operated as small establishment. DMO, *inter-alia*, provides critical support to stakeholders. In order to elaborate its scope, enhance its empowerment and provide plausible framework for the DMO's anticipated future expansion, an amendment is required.

The proposed amendment seeks to strengthen the DMO by providing necessary resources for the effective planning and execution of the Government's debt management functions.


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD AURANGZEB)
Minister for Finance and Revenue