

Changes in Regulation Has No Effect on Legislature Opportunistic Behavior


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Changes in legislation governing the authority of the Law Replacement no. 22, 1999 to the Law no. 32 of 2004 on Local Government has changed the legislative powers in budgeting. Regulatory changes are expected to reduce opportunistic behavior in the budget allocation. Even so, these regulatory changes do not affect the opportunistic behavior of the legislature. This was conveyed by Syukriy Abdullah, SE, M. Si, while conducting doctoral program open examination, Friday (20/1) in the BRI Auditorium of the UGM Faculty of Economics and Business.

According to Syukriy, the findings raised a number of interpretations that legislation cannot change the opportunistic behavior of legislators. "The opportunistic Parliament proposition could already be accommodated in the proposed regional budget plan or regional budget policies document and priorities as well as temporary budget platform," he explained while defending his dissertation entitled *Legislative Opportunistic Behavior and Affecting Factors*.

Results of research conducted by Syukriy shows that local government type variable has weak influence when opportunistic legislative is measured by the spread of health spending. Influence factors of significant local government type toward legislative opportunism showed differences between the legislative opportunism in the city and regency government because of differences in information asymmetry between the two.

Syukriy said legislative opportunism differences between the regency and city's Regional House of Representatives are also visible, although not too significant, when opportunistic legislative on proxies and health spending spreads. The poor quality of infrastructure and health care facilities in the regency, have implications for the growing trend of allocation for physical development and provision procurement and drugs that gives space for rent seeking.



Syukriy added the number of House of Representatives members also affect on the opportunistic behavior of the legislature. "If assumed that each legislator has one allotment in the form of allocation of resources, it will proportionally increase the amount of the budget allocation for opportunistic shopping," he explained.

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