

**BUDGET POLITICS: STUDY OF DIRECT BUDGET ALLOCATION
POLICY ON REGIONAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET OF TULANG
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ABSTRACT

The development process in various regions in Indonesia was inseparable from the important role of Regional Government Budget (APBD). The efficient budget planning would affect the balance sheet of a local government. The preparation process of regional budget involved many actors, including policy makers were the legislatives members of regency/country. On the preparation process of regional budget (APBD) could be seen in the actor's respective interests, including the interests of the members of the legislatives to be able to represent the political interests of their respective, especially the representation of constituents interests. This kind of political phenomenon on budget allocation did not seem much different from the pattern of budgeting in Tulang Bawang Barat, Lampung which is one of the new autonomous regions (DOB) in Lampung Province.

The collaboration between the executives and legislatives in the fight for the respective interests impacted on the allocation of Regional Budget particularly, allocations and distribution of direct budget. Allocation and distribution of the budget of Tulang Bawang Barat 2012 was still not completely prioritizing the interests of society, but tended to the political interests as the priority. The process formulating of priorities and preliminary budget ceiling (PPAS) and the determination work and budget planning (RKA) along with the theory of political economy, in which the legislative and executive used of social and power capital to closed collaborate for equally got benefit both personal and group interests. It is influenced also by the values espoused by both institutions of this area in the formulation of the Regional Budget (APBD) as a form of political policy.

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