

Political budget cycles at subnational level: evidence from the Indonesian simultaneous regional election In 2015 / Setyo Hari Priyono, Natascha Wagner

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Abstrak

ABSTRACT

This study examines the existence of local budget utilization behaviour by incumbents who have politically interested policies, since they have motive to attract prospective voters. this study focuses on 254 provincial and districts/cities in Indonesia which held simultaneous regional head election in 2015. it analyses targeted expenditures that have highly visible to please voters, and allegedly affect vote-share results, such as budget deficits, total spending, investment spending, discretionary funds include its sub components: grants, social aids, and financial aids. according to the results obtained, there is no indication of politically driven fiscal policy by incumbent candidates in almost all spending categories. However, there is a positive and significant relationship between the regions that have incumbents and grant expenditure subcategory behaviour. This finding indicates that this category expenditure is still popular among incumbents to stimulate citizens and gain sufficient vote-share later on.