Permanent Fund "What If" Scenarios

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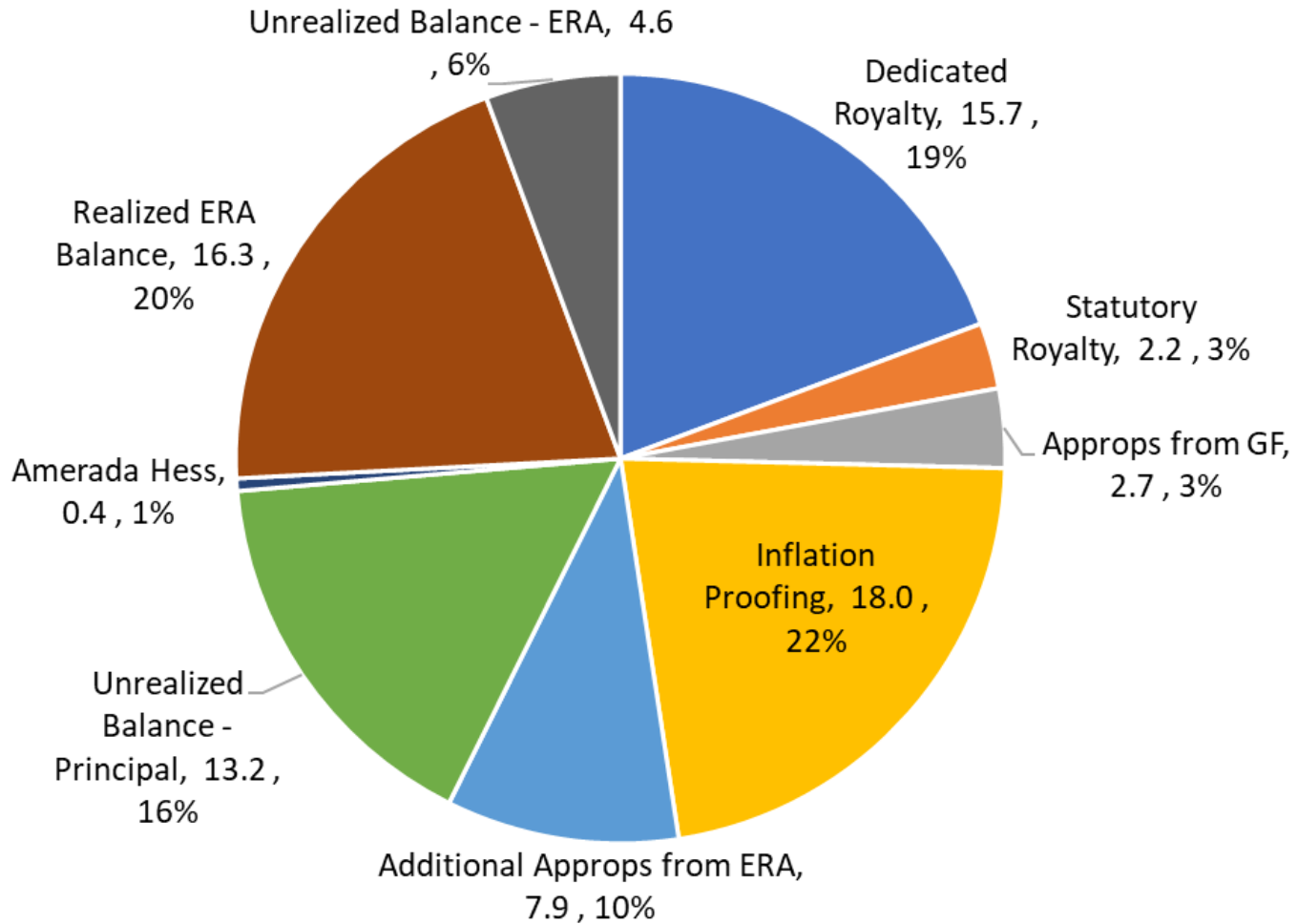Legislative Finance Division

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These historical "what if" scenarios do not take secondary impacts into account. They are hypothetical exercises intended as rough illustrations.

Due to historical changes in Permanent Fund accounting practices, this analysis has some margin for error in replicating the Fund's history.

Where did our Current Permanent Fund Balance Come From?

Permanent Fund Balance By Source as of 6/30/21 ($billions)

- Unrealized Balance - ERA, 4.6, 6%
- Dedicated Royalty, 15.7, 19%
- Realized ERA Balance, 16.3, 20%
- Statutory Royalty, 2.2, 3%
- Approps from GF, 2.7, 3%
- Amerada Hess, 0.4, 1%
- Inflation Proofing, 18.0, 22%
- Unrealized Balance - Principal, 13.2, 16%
- Additional Approps from ERA, 7.9, 10%

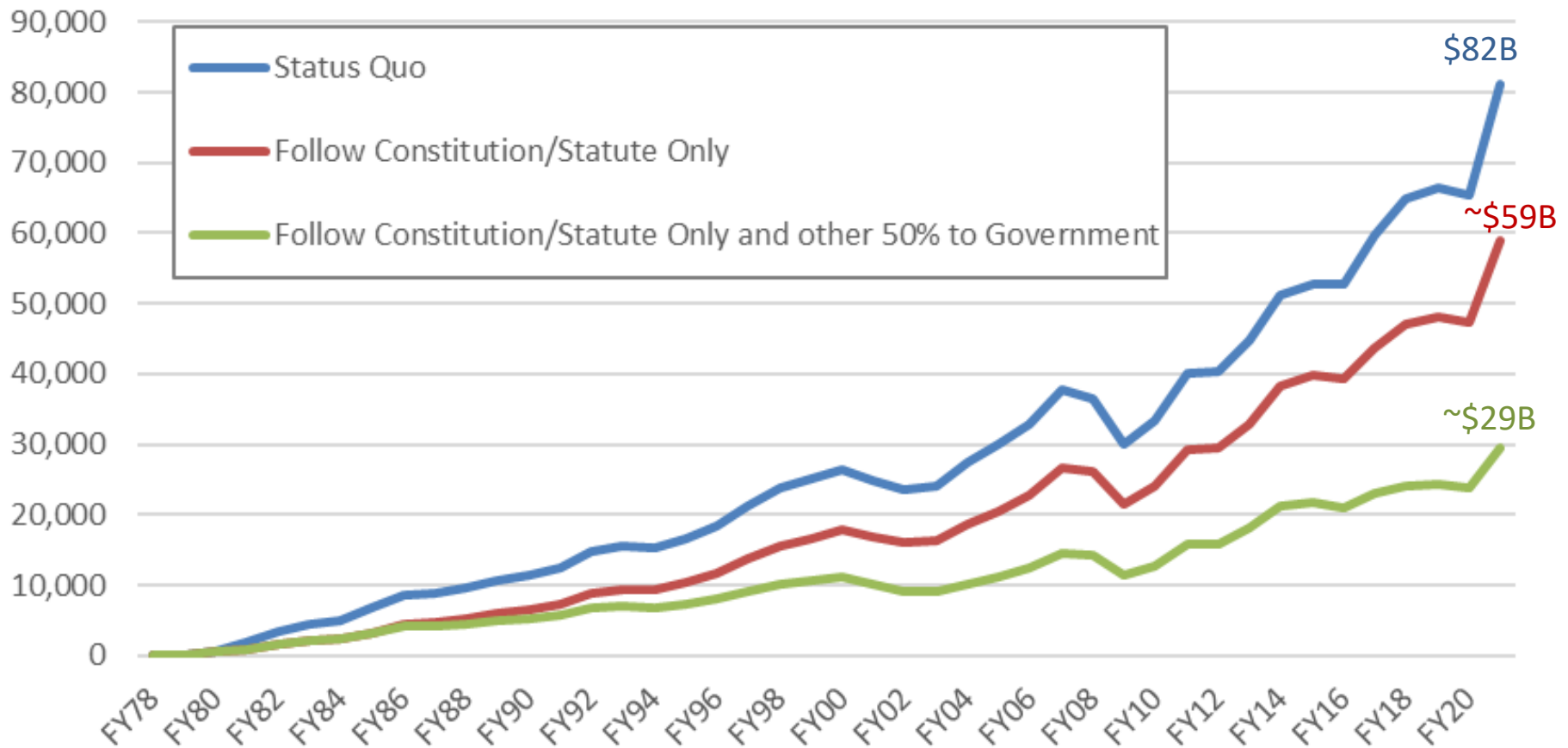# *Follow Constitution/Statute Only* "What If" Scenario

- Assume statutory PFD was paid in all years

- Statutory inflation transfer made annually, with no additional ad-hoc transfers

- Constitutional and statutory royalty deposits made annually

- Assumes $2.7 billion of FY81-FY85 appropriations from the General Fund to Perm Fund never occurred

Follow Constitution/Statute Only and other 50% to Government "What If" Scenario

- Starts with all assumptions from 'Follow Constitution/Statute Only' scenario

- Assumes the other 50% of 'Income Available for Distribution' was drawn annually to pay for government services
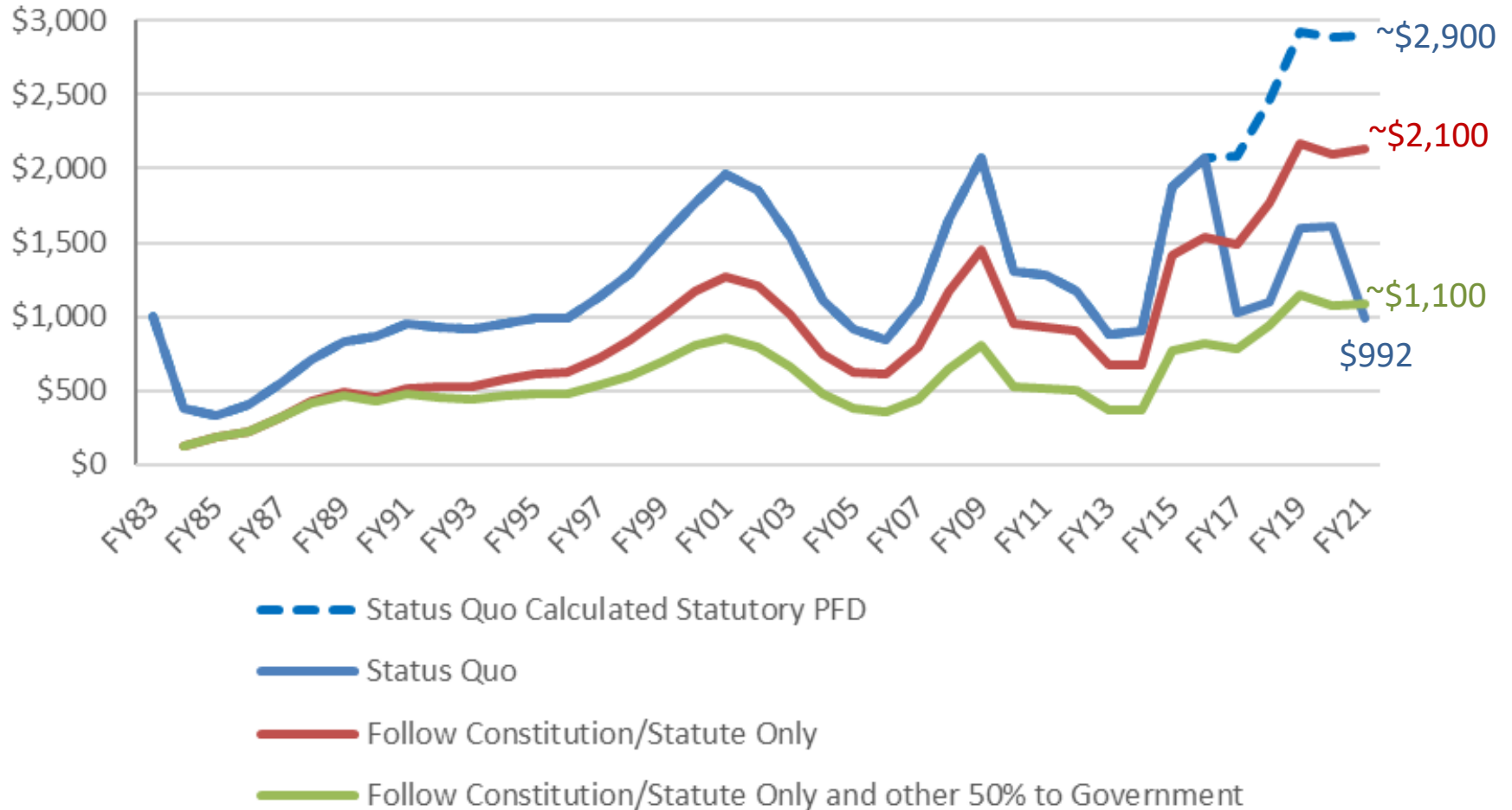
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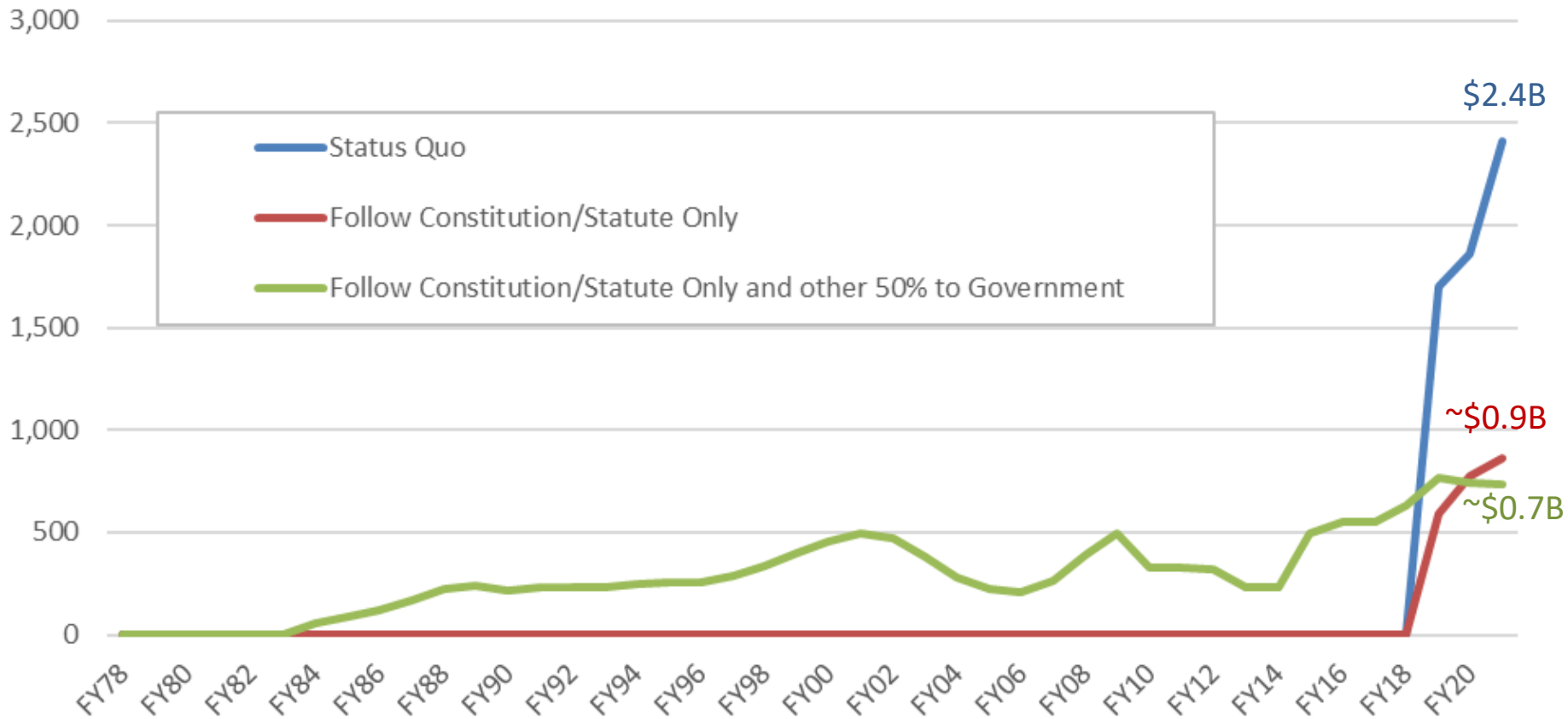

Total Permanent Fund Value ($millions)

Legend:
- Status Quo
- Follow Constitution/Statute Only
- Follow Constitution/Statute Only and other 50% to Government

$82B
~$59B
~$29B

How Would PFDs Have Been Different?

Historical PFD/Person

- Status Quo Calculated Statutory PFD
- Status Quo
- Follow Constitution/Statute Only
- Follow Constitution/Statute Only and other 50% to Government

~$2,900
~$2,100
~$1,100
$992

How Much of the Permanent Fund Would Have Been Drawn and Spent on Government Services?

Permanent Fund Draw for Government ($millions)

Questions?

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