

ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the factors influencing the implementation of adjustments to the Analysis of Standards Expenditure (ASB) in local governments. Nearly all regions have adjusted their ASB documents in accordance with the mandate of the Minister of Home Affairs Regulation (Permendagri) No. 77 of 2020 concerning technical guidelines for regional financial management and are required to implement it by 2022. However, many have not yet used it as a basis for preparing their regional budgets (APBD) by 2024. This study aims to examine the influence of rational aspects, system improvements, changes in budget behavior, and the dominance of technocratic logic on the implementation variables of ASB adjustments.

The research methodology used a mixed-approach approach, with quantitative results used as a critical instrument for the phenomena that occurred. This field study was conducted in district/city and provincial governments in Central Java. 101 respondents representing positions and/or duties were selected using purposive sampling based on the criteria of having been involved in the preparation of the ASB. The analysis tool used was SmartPLS 4.

The results of the study indicate that rational aspects, system improvements, changes in budget behavior, and the dominance of technocratic logic partially and simultaneously have a significant positive effect on the implementation of ASB adjustments. This finding theoretically proves the continued validity of New Institutional Theory, particularly the concepts of coercive and mimetic isomorphism, in the ASB adjustment process. However, this study also indicates a decoupling phenomenon, where administrative compliance in document preparation is not directly proportional to its substantial use in regional budgeting. These results imply the need for policy reorientation from merely fulfilling legitimacy to strengthening the integrity of budgeting data.

Keywords: Analysis of Standards Expenditure (ASB), New Institutional Theory (NIT), Legitimacy, Regional Budgeting (APBD), Decoupling.