

SPECIAL SESSION SENATE BILL 1

TRANSPORTATION

Elimination of Transportation Fund Transfer to General Fund

Motion:

Move to eliminate the provision in the bill that would provide \$22,211,700 in 2002-03 in a SEG appropriation for making a transfer from the transportation fund to the general fund.

Require the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that sufficient lapses to the transportation fund from the Department's SEG appropriations for state operations occur in 2002-03 to produce a June 30, 2003, unappropriated balance in the transportation fund of \$22,211,700. Specify that these lapse amounts shall be in addition to amounts lapsed from the Department's administrative appropriations as the result of lapse requirements included in 2001 Acts 16 and 109. Specify that the Secretary shall avoid adverse impacts on activities related to highway planning and programming, design, and construction in developing a plan to lapse the funds.

Note:

The Governor's bill would transfer \$22,211,700 from the transportation fund to the general fund by appropriating this amount of funding in a SEG appropriation for making a transfer to the general fund. Since the estimated biennium-ending balance in the transportation fund is \$16,529,900, or \$5,681,800 less than the proposed transfer, DOA had indicated that the Department would be required to lapse enough additional funds from administrative appropriations in order to maintain a positive fund balance. The Governor's bill, however, does not contain a specific lapse requirement.

This motion would create a requirement that the Secretary of Transportation must ensure that sufficient lapses occur in 2002-03 from DOT's SEG appropriations for state operations to increase the estimated biennium-ending balance in the transportation fund to \$22,211,700. This would increase estimated lapses in 2002-03 by \$5,681,800. However, instead of transferring the unappropriated balance (including the additional lapses) to the general fund, these funds would be retained in the transportation fund. Relative to the bill, therefore, this motion would reduce general fund revenues by \$22,211,700.

The lapse requirement created by this motion would be in addition to lapse requirements included in 2001 Acts 16 and 109. Acts 16 and 109 required DOT to lapse a total of \$11,545,300 in 2001-02 and \$12,381,800 from administrative appropriations to the general fund. In addition, Act 16 required the Department to lapse the following amounts from administrative appropriations to the transportation fund: (a) \$800,000 annually to comply with an across-the-board administrative reduction; and (b) \$34,000 annually to comply with a requirement that agencies lapse an amount equal to a portion of the amount the agency paid in membership dues in national and state organizations in 2000-01.

[Change to SS SB 1: -\$22,211,700 SEG; -\$22,211,700 GPR-REV; \$5,681,800 SEG-Lapse]