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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to provide funds necessary for  
4 the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of selected  
5 projects or improvements that are identified as connecting Washington  
6 projects or improvements in an omnibus transportation appropriations  
7 act, there shall be issued and sold upon the request of the  
8 department of transportation a total of five billion three hundred  
9 million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of  
10 Washington.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Upon the request of the department of  
12 transportation, as appropriate, the state finance committee shall  
13 supervise and provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of the  
14 bonds in this act in accordance with chapter 39.42 RCW. Bonds  
15 authorized by this act shall be sold in the manner, at time or times,  
16 in amounts, and at the price as the state finance committee shall  
17 determine. No bonds may be offered for sale without prior legislative  
18 appropriation of the net proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

19 The state finance committee shall consider the issuance of short-  
20 term obligations in lieu of long-term obligations for the purposes of  
21 more favorable interest rates, lower total interest costs, and  
22 increased marketability and for the purpose of retiring the bonds  
23 during the life of the project for which they were issued.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The proceeds from the sale of bonds  
25 authorized by section 1 of this act shall be deposited in the  
26 connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund. The proceeds  
27 shall be available only for the purposes enumerated in section 1 of  
28 this act, for the payment of bond anticipation notes, if any, and for  
29 the payment of bond issuance costs, including the costs of  
30 underwriting.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    Bonds issued under the authority of this  
2 section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act shall  
3 distinctly state that they are a general obligation of the state of  
4 Washington, shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state to  
5 the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon, and  
6 shall contain an unconditional promise to pay such principal and  
7 interest as the same shall become due. The principal and interest on  
8 the bonds shall be first payable in the manner provided in this  
9 section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act from the  
10 proceeds of the state excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels  
11 imposed by chapters 82.36 and 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees  
12 imposed under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor  
13 vehicles required to be used for highway purposes. Proceeds of these  
14 excise taxes and vehicle-related fees are hereby pledged to the  
15 payment of any bonds and the interest thereon issued under the  
16 authority of this section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this  
17 act, and the legislature agrees to continue to impose these excise  
18 taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels and vehicle-related fees in  
19 amounts from such sources sufficient to pay, when due, the principal  
20 and interest on all bonds issued under the authority of this section  
21 and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act.

22        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    (1) Both principal and interest on the  
23 bonds issued for the purposes of this section and sections 1 through  
24 4 and 6 of this act shall be payable from the highway bond retirement  
25 fund. The state finance committee may provide that a special account  
26 be created in the fund to facilitate payment of the principal and  
27 interest. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th  
28 of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount required for  
29 principal and interest on the bonds in accordance with the bond  
30 proceedings. The state treasurer shall withdraw revenues from the  
31 connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund and deposit  
32 in the highway bond retirement fund, or a special account in the  
33 fund, such amounts, and at such times, as are required by the bond  
34 proceedings.

35        (2)(a) Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the  
36 bonds authorized by this section and sections 1 through 4 and 6 of  
37 this act shall be taken from that portion of the motor vehicle fund  
38 that results from the imposition of excise taxes on motor vehicle and

1 special fuels and vehicle-related fees, and that is distributed to  
2 the connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund.

3 (b) Funds required shall never constitute a charge against any  
4 other allocations of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel tax and  
5 vehicle-related fee revenues to the state, counties, cities, and  
6 towns unless the amount arising from excise taxes on motor vehicle  
7 and special fuels and vehicle-related fees distributed to the  
8 connecting Washington account described in (a) of this subsection  
9 proves insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or  
10 interest on any such bonds.

11 (c) Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds  
12 taken from other revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel  
13 taxes and vehicle-related fees that are distributable to the state,  
14 counties, cities, and towns shall be repaid from the first revenues  
15 from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel taxes and vehicle-related  
16 fees distributed to the connecting Washington account described in  
17 (a) of this subsection not required for bond retirement or interest  
18 on the bonds.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Bonds issued under the authority of  
20 sections 1 through 5 of this act and this section and any other  
21 general obligation bonds of the state of Washington that have been or  
22 that may be authorized and that pledge motor vehicle and special  
23 fuels excise taxes and vehicle-related fees for the payment of  
24 principal and interest thereon shall be an equal charge against the  
25 revenues from such motor vehicle and special fuels excise taxes and  
26 vehicle-related fees.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** For purposes of sections 1 through 6 of  
28 this act, "vehicle-related fees" means vehicle-related fees imposed  
29 under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor vehicles  
30 required to be used for highway purposes.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 4 (section 4 of  
32 this act) are each amended to read as follows:

33 Bonds issued under the authority of this section and RCW  
34 47.10.--- through 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1  
35 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act) shall distinctly state that they are  
36 a general obligation of the state of Washington, shall pledge the  
37 full faith and credit of the state to the payment of the principal

1 thereof and the interest thereon, and shall contain an unconditional  
2 promise to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become  
3 due. The principal and interest on the bonds shall be first payable  
4 in the manner provided in this section and RCW 47.10.--- through  
5 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6  
6 of this act) from the proceeds of the state excise taxes on (~~motor~~  
7 ~~vehicle and special~~) fuel((s)) imposed by chapter(~~s 82.36 and~~)  
8 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW that  
9 constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for  
10 highway purposes. Proceeds of these excise taxes and vehicle-related  
11 fees are hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest  
12 thereon issued under the authority of this section and RCW 47.10.---  
13 through 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5,  
14 and 6 of this act), and the legislature agrees to continue to impose  
15 these excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle and special~~) fuel((s)) and  
16 vehicle-related fees in amounts from such sources sufficient to pay,  
17 when due, the principal and interest on all bonds issued under the  
18 authority of this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.---,  
19 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this  
20 act).

21 **Sec. 9.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 5 (section 5 of  
22 this act) are each amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Both principal and interest on the bonds issued for the  
24 purposes of this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.--- and  
25 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act) shall be payable  
26 from the highway bond retirement fund. The state finance committee  
27 may provide that a special account be created in the fund to  
28 facilitate payment of the principal and interest. The state finance  
29 committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the  
30 state treasurer the amount required for principal and interest on the  
31 bonds in accordance with the bond proceedings. The state treasurer  
32 shall withdraw revenues from the connecting Washington account in the  
33 motor vehicle fund and deposit in the highway bond retirement fund,  
34 or a special account in the fund, such amounts, and at such times, as  
35 are required by the bond proceedings.

36 (2)(a) Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the  
37 bonds authorized by this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.---  
38 and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act) shall be taken  
39 from that portion of the motor vehicle fund that results from the

1 imposition of excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle and special~~) fuel((s))  
2 and vehicle-related fees, and that is distributed to the connecting  
3 Washington account in the motor vehicle fund.

4 (b) Funds required shall never constitute a charge against any  
5 other allocations of (~~motor vehicle fuel and special~~) fuel tax and  
6 vehicle-related fee revenues to the state, counties, cities, and  
7 towns unless the amount arising from excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle  
8 and special~~) fuel((s)) and vehicle-related fees distributed to the  
9 connecting Washington account described in (a) of this subsection  
10 proves insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or  
11 interest on any such bonds.

12 (c) Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds  
13 taken from other revenues from the (~~motor vehicle fuel or special~~)  
14 fuel taxes and vehicle-related fees that are distributable to the  
15 state, counties, cities, and towns shall be repaid from the first  
16 revenues from the (~~motor vehicle fuel or special~~) fuel taxes and  
17 vehicle-related fees distributed to the connecting Washington account  
18 described in (a) of this subsection not required for bond retirement  
19 or interest on the bonds.

20 **Sec. 10.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 6 (section 6  
21 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:

22 Bonds issued under the authority of RCW 47.10.--- through  
23 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 5 of this act) and this section and any  
24 other general obligation bonds of the state of Washington that have  
25 been or that may be authorized and that pledge (~~motor vehicle and  
26 special~~) fuel((s)) excise taxes and vehicle-related fees for the  
27 payment of principal and interest thereon shall be an equal charge  
28 against the revenues from such (~~motor vehicle and special~~)  
29 fuel((s)) excise taxes and vehicle-related fees.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act are each  
31 added to chapter 47.10 RCW.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Except for sections 8 through 10 of this  
33 act, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
34 public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government  
35 and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    Sections 4 through 6 of this act expire  
2    July 1, 2016.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 14.**    Sections 8 through 10 of this act take  
4    effect July 1, 2016."

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5        On page 1, after line 1 of the title, strike the remainder of the  
6    title and insert "amending RCW 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.---;  
7    adding new sections to chapter 47.10 RCW; providing an effective  
8    date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Defines "vehicle-related fees," for the purposes of pledging the repayment of principal and interest on bonds issued to pay for connecting Washington transportation projects, as vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for highway purposes. Makes additional technical changes.

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