

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1790

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Synopsis as Enacted

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**Brief Description:** Authorizing public works board project loans.

By Representatives Patterson, Ballard, Wood, Ogden, Pruitt, Jones, King, Jacobsen, Basich, Wang, Kremen, Rayburn, Sehlin, Schoesler, Karahalios, Lemmon, H. Myers, Reams, Schmidt, Cooke and Stevens; by request of Department of Community Development.

House Committee on Capital Budget

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

**Background:** The public works trust fund was created by the Legislature in 1985 as a revolving loan fund program to assist local governments and special districts with infrastructure development. The Public Works Board, within the Department of Community Development, is authorized to make low-interest or interest-free loans to finance the repair, replacement or improvement of essential public works systems: bridges, roads, water systems, and sanitary and storm sewer projects. Growth-related public works projects, port districts, and school districts are not eligible to receive funding through the public works trust fund.

Each year, the Public Works Board submits a list of projects to the Legislature for approval. The Legislature may delete a project from the list but may not add any projects or change the order of project priorities. The public works trust fund receives its funding from dedicated revenue from utility and sales taxes on water, sewer, and garbage collection and from a portion of the real estate excise tax.

**Summary:** As recommended by the Public Works Board for fiscal year 1993, the following are authorized: loans for 61 public works projects totaling \$51,059,758; a \$300,000 fund for capital facilities planning loans and a \$1 million loan pool for emergency public works projects.

The public works projects authorized for funding are broken into the following categories: (1) 29 water projects for a total of \$23,927,340; (2) 18 sanitary or storm sewer projects for a total of \$18,963,093; (3) six road projects for a total of \$6,359,324; (4) one bridge project for a

total of \$1.6 million; and (5) seven planning projects for a total of \$210,000.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0
Senate	39	0

**Effective:** April 9, 1993