

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1012

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Transportation Policy & Budget

**Title:** An act relating to state highway bonds.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing highway bonds.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Cairnes, Skinner, Hankins, Robertson, Chandler, Mitchell, B. Thomas, L. Thomas, Cooke and Mielke.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation Policy & Budget: 1/13/97, 1/16/97 [DP].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION POLICY & BUDGET

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives K. Schmidt, Chairman; Hankins, Vice Chairman; Mielke, Vice Chairman; Mitchell, Vice Chairman; Fisher, Ranking Minority Member; Blalock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cooper, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Backlund; Cairnes; Chandler; Constantine; DeBolt; Gardner; Hatfield; Johnson; Murray; O'Brien; Ogden; Radcliff; Robertson; Romero; Scott; Skinner; Sterk; Wood and Zellinsky.

**Staff:** Brad Lovaas (786-7307).

**Background:** *The Special Category C- program was established to finance major highway construction projects that could not be accomplished as part of the regular construction program. The three projects are: 1) Division Street (north-south route) in Spokane; 2) 1st Avenue South bridge in Seattle; and 3) SR 18 from I-5 to I-90 in southeast King County.*

*In 1990 the Legislature dedicated 3/4 of 1 cent of the motor vehicle fuel tax to the Special Category C- program. In 1993 the Legislature authorized the sale of \$240 million of general obligation bonds for the construction of the three projects mentioned above, and pledged 3/4 of 1 cent to debt service.*

**Summary of Bill:** The bond authorization for the Special Category C- program is increased by \$60 million, from \$240 million to \$300 million. This additional bond authorization is applied to projects in the Special Category C- program.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** A bond authorization increase of \$60 million can be supported due to lower interest rates.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Helga Morgenstern, Department of Transportation.