
Transportation Committee

HB 2984

Brief Description: Allowing additional public-private transportation initiatives.

Sponsors: Representatives Mielke, Armstrong, Ericksen, Holmquist, Schindler, Morell and Mitchell.

Brief Summary of Bill

- The limitation on the number of projects that may be developed under the Public-Private Initiatives Act (PPI) is removed.
- The requirements for the Department of Transportation to form a local advisory committee and conduct an advisory election if a PPI project is opposed are struck.

Hearing Date: 2/26/02

Staff: Paul Neal (786-7315).

Background:

In 1993 the Legislature enacted the Public-Private Initiatives Act (PPI). The act directed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop up to six demonstration projects to use the private sector to undertake projects on behalf of the DOT. The original allocation of six projects has been utilized. No further PPI projects can be pursued under current law.

In 1995 the PPI Act was amended to require the formation of a local involvement committee and an advisory election on a proposed project if a petition bearing at least 5000 signatures of persons opposing the project was submitted to the DOT.

Summary of Bill:

The limitation on the number of PPI projects is removed. The requirements for a local advisory committee and an advisory election are struck.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 26, 2002.

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