
HOUSE BILL 2394

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1 AN ACT Relating to requesting the issuance and sale of general
2 obligation bonds for transportation improvements; and amending RCW
3 47.10.812, 47.10.813, 47.10.861, 47.10.873, 47.10.877, and 47.26.420.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.10.812 and 1999 sp.s. c 2 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 In order to provide funds necessary for the location, design, right
8 of way, and construction of state highway improvements that are
9 identified as special category C improvements, there shall be issued
10 and sold upon the request of the Washington state secretary of
11 transportation (~~(commission)~~) a total of (~~(three)~~) six hundred
12 (~~(thirty)~~) million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of
13 Washington.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.10.813 and 1993 c 431 s 2 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Upon the request of the secretary of transportation (~~(commission)~~),
17 the state finance committee shall supervise and provide for the
18 issuance, sale, and retirement of the bonds authorized by RCW 47.10.812

1 through 47.10.817 in accordance with chapter 39.42 RCW. Bonds
2 authorized by RCW 47.10.812 through 47.10.817 shall be sold in such
3 manner, at such time or times, in such amounts, and at such price as
4 the state finance committee shall determine. No such bonds may be
5 offered for sale without prior legislative appropriation of the net
6 proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

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

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.10.861 and 2006 c 334 s 31 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 In order to provide funds necessary for the location, design, right
15 of way, and construction of selected projects or improvements that are
16 identified as transportation 2003 projects or improvements in the
17 omnibus transportation budget, there shall be issued and sold upon the
18 request of the secretary of the department of transportation a total of
19 ~~((two))~~ three billion ~~((six))~~ two hundred million dollars of general
20 obligation bonds of the state of Washington.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 47.10.873 and 2005 c 315 s 1 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 In order to provide funds necessary for the location, design, right
24 of way, and construction of selected projects or improvements that are
25 identified as 2005 transportation partnership projects or improvements
26 in the omnibus transportation budget ~~((~~2005 c 313~~))~~ chapter 313, Laws
27 of 2005, there shall be issued and sold upon the request of the
28 department of transportation a total of five billion ~~((one))~~ three
29 hundred million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of
30 Washington.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 47.10.877 and 2005 c 315 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 Both principal and interest on the bonds issued for the purposes of
34 RCW 47.10.873 through 47.10.878 shall be payable from the highway bond
35 retirement fund. The state finance committee may provide that a

1 special account be created in the fund to facilitate payment of the
2 principal and interest. The state finance committee shall, on or
3 before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the
4 amount required for principal and interest on the bonds in accordance
5 with the bond proceedings. The state treasurer shall withdraw revenues
6 from the transportation partnership account in the motor vehicle fund
7 and deposit in the highway bond retirement fund, or a special account
8 in the fund, such amounts, and at such times, as are required by the
9 bond proceedings.

10 Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the bonds
11 authorized by RCW 47.10.873 through 47.10.878 shall be taken from that
12 portion of the motor vehicle fund that results from the imposition of
13 excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels and that is distributed
14 to the transportation partnership account in the motor vehicle fund.
15 Funds required shall never constitute a charge against any other
16 allocations of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel tax revenues to the
17 state, counties, cities, and towns unless the amount arising from
18 excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels distributed to the
19 transportation ((2005—[partnership])) partnership account proves
20 insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or interest
21 on any such bonds.

22 Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds taken
23 from other revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel taxes
24 that are distributable to the state, counties, cities, and towns shall
25 be repaid from the first revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or
26 special fuel taxes distributed to the transportation partnership
27 account not required for bond retirement or interest on the bonds.

28 **Sec. 6.** RCW 47.26.420 and 1981 c 315 s 5 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 In order to provide funds necessary to meet the urgent construction
31 needs on county and city arterials within urban areas, there are hereby
32 authorized for issuance general obligation bonds of the state of
33 Washington, the first authorization of which shall be in the sum of two
34 hundred fifty million dollars, and the second authorization of which,
35 to be known as series II bonds, shall be in the sum of sixty million
36 dollars, and the third authorization of which, to be known as series
37 III bonds, shall be in the sum of one hundred million dollars, which

1 shall be issued and sold in such amounts and at such times as
2 determined to be necessary by the state transportation commission. The
3 amount of such bonds issued and sold under the provisions of RCW
4 47.26.420 through 47.26.427 in any biennium shall not exceed the amount
5 of a specific appropriation therefor, from the proceeds of such bonds,
6 for the construction of county and city arterials in urban areas. The
7 issuance, sale, and retirement of said bonds shall be under the
8 supervision and control of the state finance committee which, upon
9 request being made by the state transportation commission, shall
10 provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of coupon or registered
11 bonds to be dated, issued, and sold from time to time in such amounts
12 as shall be requested by the state transportation commission.

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