

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5797

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 24, 2011

Title: An act relating to eliminating the urban arterial trust account.

Brief Description: Eliminating the urban arterial trust account.

Sponsors: Senators Fain and Haugen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/21/11, 2/24/11 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5797 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; White, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Eide, Ericksen, Hill, Hobbs, Litzow, Nelson, Prentice, Ranker, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

Background: The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is a state agency that distributes and manages highway construction and maintenance grants to cities and urban counties. TIB is funded from \$0.03 of the state gas tax. TIB administers six grant programs that serve cities, urban counties, and transportation benefit districts. TIB manages grants through three different accounts:

- the Small City Pavement and Sidewalk Account;
- the Transportation Improvement Account; and
- the Urban Arterial Trust Account.

The Local Agency Efficiencies Study, conducted by the Joint Transportation Committee, finalized in January 2011, recommended consolidating the Urban Arterial Trust Account and the Transportation Improvement Account to allow for simpler cash management.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The Urban Arterial Trust Account is eliminated and all deposits are transferred into the Transportation Improvement Account.

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EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Adds intent language from the urban arterial account into the transportation improvement account.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This will allow the agency to operate more efficiently.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Tom Ballard, Transportation Improvement Board.