

SHB 1956 - H AMD 530

By Representative Clibborn

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to provide funds necessary for the
4 location, design, right-of-way, and construction of selected projects
5 or improvements that are identified as 2013 connecting Washington
6 projects or improvements in a transportation appropriations act, there
7 shall be issued and sold upon the request of the department of
8 transportation a total of three billion seven hundred million dollars
9 of general obligation bonds of the state of Washington.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Upon the request of the department of
11 transportation, as appropriate, the state finance committee shall
12 supervise and provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of the
13 bonds in this act in accordance with chapter 39.42 RCW. Bonds
14 authorized by this act shall be sold in the manner, at time or times,
15 in amounts, and at the price as the state finance committee shall
16 determine. No bonds may be offered for sale without prior legislative
17 appropriation of the net proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

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

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The proceeds from the sale of bonds
24 authorized by section 1 of this act shall be deposited in the
25 connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund. The proceeds
26 shall be available only for the purposes enumerated in section 1 of
27 this act, for the payment of bond anticipation notes, if any, and for

1 the payment of bond issuance costs, including the costs of
2 underwriting.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Bonds issued under the authority of sections
4 1 through 6 of this act shall distinctly state that they are a general
5 obligation of the state of Washington, shall pledge the full faith and
6 credit of the state to the payment of the principal thereof and the
7 interest thereon, and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay
8 such principal and interest as the same shall become due. The
9 principal and interest on the bonds shall be first payable in the
10 manner provided in sections 1 through 6 of this act from the proceeds
11 of the state excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels imposed by
12 chapters 82.36 and 82.38 RCW. Proceeds of these excise taxes are
13 hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest thereon
14 issued under the authority of sections 1 through 6 of this act, and the
15 legislature agrees to continue to impose these excise taxes on motor
16 vehicle and special fuels in amounts sufficient to pay, when due, the
17 principal and interest on all bonds issued under the authority of
18 sections 1 through 6 of this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Both principal and interest on the bonds
20 issued for the purposes of sections 1 through 6 of this act shall be
21 payable from the highway bond retirement fund. The state finance
22 committee may provide that a special account be created in the fund to
23 facilitate payment of the principal and interest. The state finance
24 committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the
25 state treasurer the amount required for principal and interest on the
26 bonds in accordance with the bond proceedings. The state treasurer
27 shall withdraw revenues from the connecting Washington account in the
28 motor vehicle fund and deposit in the highway bond retirement fund, or
29 a special account in the fund, such amounts, and at such times, as are
30 required by the bond proceedings.

31 Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the bonds
32 authorized by sections 1 through 6 of this act shall be taken from that
33 portion of the motor vehicle fund that results from the imposition of
34 excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels and that is distributed
35 to the connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund. Funds
36 required shall never constitute a charge against any other allocations

1 of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel tax revenues to the state,
2 counties, cities, and towns unless the amount arising from excise taxes
3 on motor vehicle and special fuels distributed to the connecting
4 Washington account proves insufficient to meet the requirements for
5 bond retirement or interest on any such bonds.

6 Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds taken
7 from other revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel taxes
8 that are distributable to the state, counties, cities, and towns shall
9 be repaid from the first revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or
10 special fuel taxes distributed to the connecting Washington account not
11 required for bond retirement or interest on the bonds.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Bonds issued under the authority of sections
13 1 through 5 of this act and this section and any other general
14 obligation bonds of the state of Washington that have been or that may
15 be authorized and that pledge motor vehicle and special fuels excise
16 taxes for the payment of principal and interest thereon shall be an
17 equal charge against the revenues from such motor vehicle and special
18 fuels excise taxes.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
20 added to chapter 47.10 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
24 August 1, 2013."

25 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes the entirety of the underlying bill and makes the following changes:

- (1) Provides for the issuance of up to 3.7 billion dollars of general obligation motor vehicle fuel tax bonds.
- (2) Removes the authority to issue up to 1.3 billion dollars of general obligation motor vehicle fuel tax bonds to fund construction on the state route number 520 corridor.

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