Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Transportation Committee

HB 1508

Brief Description: Concerning the distribution of connecting Washington funds to local and state transportation agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives Mead, Eslick, Wylie, Orcutt and Doglio.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Codifies the transfer of certain amounts at levels established in the 2015 Connecting Washington transportation package for specified local transportation programs.

Hearing Date: 2/6/19

Staff: Amy Skei (786-7109).

Background:

The 16-year transportation financial plan set forth by the Legislature in 2015 as part of the Connecting Washington transportation package assumed a series of ongoing budgetary transfers to support additional expenditures in a variety of local transportation grant programs.

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) was established in 1988 and provides grants to local jurisdictions for urban and small city transportation projects through several established grant programs.

The Complete Streets grant program was created in 2015 and provides funding to local jurisdictions that have adopted a complete streets ordinance. The Complete Streets program provides grants for the retrofitting of existing infrastructure to provide safe access to a broad spectrum of travelers, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders.

The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) was created by the Legislature to provide statutory oversight of Washington's 39 county road departments. The CRAB manages grant programs that support county road system needs.

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The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) provides coordination of state programs and funding to facilitate improved freight movement.

Summary of Bill:

The bill codifies certain planned transfers assumed in the 2015 Connecting Washington financial plan. Specifically, the amounts for the TIB, the Complete Streets grant program, the CRAB, and the FMSIB are codified as statutory distributions or allocations.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.