

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6693

As of February 28, 2020

Title: An act relating to restoring revenue from the real estate excise tax to the public works assistance account.

Brief Description: Restoring revenue from the real estate excise tax to the public works assistance account.

Sponsors: Senators Mullet, Wellman, Warnick, Hobbs and Stanford.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means:

Brief Summary of Bill

Ends the direction of the Real Estate Excise Tax from the Public Works Assistance Account to the Education Legacy Trust Account in 2020 rather than 2023.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

Background: The Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) is imposed on the sale of real property at the rate of 1.28 percent of the selling price.

At its creation in 1985 revenues to the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) included 6 percent of the REET, the Public Utilities Tax and the Solid Waste Collection Tax. Beginning in 2013, all of the tax revenues to the PWAA, except 2 percent of the REET, were directed to the Education Legacy Trust Account; this direction of all these taxes ends June 30, 2023.

Summary of Bill: Beginning June 30, 2020, 5.2 percent of the REET is deposited in the PWAA.

Appropriation: None

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Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

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