

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2012 - Department of Transportation - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$219,279,648	\$235,990,591		\$235,990,591	\$235,990,591	
New and vacant FTE pool		13,364,077	\$212,400	13,576,477	13,788,877	(\$212,400)
Operating expenses	316,256,474	387,345,122		387,345,122	388,397,014	(1,051,892)
Capital assets	1,101,395,065	1,952,989,617	15,800,000	1,968,789,617	2,007,989,617	(39,200,000)
Grants	112,821,458	109,240,458	7,150,000	116,390,458	109,240,458	7,150,000
Total all funds	\$1,749,752,645	\$2,698,929,865	\$23,162,400	\$2,722,092,265	\$2,755,406,557	(\$33,314,292)
Less estimated income	1,749,752,645	2,698,929,865	23,162,400	2,722,092,265	2,755,406,557	(33,314,292)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	1,001.00	1,004.00	1.00	1,005.00	1,006.00	(1.00)

Department 801 - Department of Transportation - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds SIRN Coordinator Position ¹	Adjusts Grant Funding Authority ²	Adds Funding for Passenger Rail Grant ³	Adjusts Funding for Highway Projects ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages					
New and vacant FTE pool	\$212,400				\$212,400
Operating expenses					
Capital assets				\$15,800,000	15,800,000
Grants		\$7,000,000	\$150,000		7,150,000
Total all funds	\$212,400	\$7,000,000	\$150,000	\$15,800,000	\$23,162,400
Less estimated income	212,400	7,000,000	150,000	15,800,000	23,162,400
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

¹ One FTE position is added for the coordination of Statewide Interoperable Radio Network operations. The House also added this position.

² Funding authority for grant distributions is adjusted based on the estimated amount of grants to be distributed by the department, including an increase of \$40 million from the municipal infrastructure fund for grants to cities and \$40 million from the county and township infrastructure fund for grants to counties and townships.

³ One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) is added for a passenger rail authority grant.

⁴ Funding for highway projects is adjusted as follows:

	Senate	House	Conference Committee
Federal formula matching funds (SIIF)	\$171,300,000	\$171,300,000	\$0
Highway 85 projects (SIIF)	100,000,000	0	0
Highway 85 projects (bonding)	0	155,000,000	0
Undesignated highway projects (SIIF)	0	0	287,100,000
Total	\$271,300,000	\$326,300,000	\$287,100,000

Senate Bill No. 2012 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action

This amendment also:

- Provides for the deposit of a portion of legacy fund earnings (\$175.2 million) in the highway fund. The House version provided for \$146 million of legacy fund earnings in the highway fund.
- Transfers \$142.5 million from SIIF to the flexible transportation fund. The House version transferred \$380 million to the flexible transportation fund.
- Adjusts allocations from the flexible transportation fund.

- Adjusts the distribution percentages from the highway tax distribution fund, the same as the House.
- Provides for 50 percent of motor vehicle excise taxes to be deposited in the general fund, 25 percent in the highway tax distribution fund, and 25 percent in the flexible transportation fund. The House deposited all motor vehicle excise taxes in the general fund.
- Adjusts allocations of the state share of oil and gas tax collections to the various funds including municipal and county and township infrastructure funds and adjusts allocations from the municipal and county and township infrastructure funds.
- Repeals statutory provisions relating to the legacy earnings highway distribution fund and legacy earnings township highway fund. The House also repealed the provisions.
- Removes a section added by the Senate to provide a continuing appropriation from the state rail fund. The House also removed this section.
- Adds a section to authorize the Department of Transportation to enter an agreement with the Big Sky Passenger Rail authority.
- Authorizes the Department of Transportation to purchase workplace appliances, including microwaves, coffee makers, and refrigerators, the same as the House.'
- Does not renew a section removed by the House that the department review options to jointly administer a rest area at the Painted Canyon visitor center, the same as the Senate.
- Does not provide funding and an FTE added by the House for airplane operators.
- Removes sections added by the House to authorize bonding.
- Removes sections added by the House to increase motor fuels taxes.
- Adds a section to require the Department of Transportation to complete the US Highway 85 four-lane project between Highway 200 and the Long X Bridge.