

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1051

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1051
1/9/2025

Relating to the special road fund

10:24 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman D.Ruby, Vice Chair Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- State Highway Fund
- Tribal Governments

10:24 a.m. Derek Pfeifer, ND Department of Transportation, testified in support #28123.

Representative Koppelman moved a Do Pass.
Representative Finley-DeVille seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

Motion passed 14-0-0
Representative Finley-DeVille will carry the bill.

10:36 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

Joseph Reed, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1051 ([25.8039.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1051 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**House Bill No. 1051****House Transportation Committee**

Room 327E | Jan. 9, 2025, 10:05 a.m.

Derek Pfeifer, Local Government Engineer

Greetings, Chairperson and members of the Committee - I'm Derek Pfeifer, Local Government Engineer for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to introduce and provide testimony in support of HB 1051.

House Bill 1051 proposes to amend subsection 3 of section 24-02-37: *State highway fund – Priorities for expenditure – Use of investment income* to include tribal entities among the list of applicants eligible to request funds.

The special road fund (SRF) is utilized for construction and maintenance of access roads to and roads within recreational, tourist, and historical areas. A political subdivision or state agency may request funds by applying to the special road committee. The special road committee may require the political subdivision or state agency to contribute to the cost of the project as a condition of any expenditure authorized from the special road fund.

The statute does not allow tribal governments to participate in the request of special road funds through application as they are not a political subdivision or state agency. HB 1051 proposes to modify section 24-02-37 subsection 3 by including "tribal governments" in the statute's language, as it relates to eligibility to request funds through application and to contribute to the cost of the project.

The NDDOT recommends a "do pass" on HB 1051. This concludes my testimony. Thank you.

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1051
2/13/2025

Relating to the special road fund.

8:58 a.m. Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Monetary value and revenue streams
- Quantity of applicants and request to access special road fund
- Projects funded with the special road fund

8:59 a.m. Chad Orn, Deputy Director for Planning, NDDOT, introduced HB 1051, testified in favor and submitted testimony #37447.

9:06 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

9:06 a.m. Senator Klein made a Do Pass.

9:06 a.m. Senator Rummel seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Chairman Clemens will carry the bill.

9:10 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1051 ([25.8039.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1051 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**House Bill No. 1051****Senate Transportation Committee**

Fort Totten Room | Feb. 13, 2025, 9 a.m.

Chad M. Orn, Deputy Director for Planning

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee – My name is Chad M. Orn, Deputy Director for Planning for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to introduce and provide testimony in support of HB 1051.

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