

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1788

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 28, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to increasing flexibility in motor vehicle fund distributions to cities and counties.

**Brief Description:** Providing for more flexibility in the motor vehicle fund distributions to cities and counties.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives K. Schmidt, Chandler, Mitchell and Robertson).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/28/95 [DPA]

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; Fairley, Haugen, Morton, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Schow and Wood.

**Staff:** Robin Rettew (786-7306)

**Background:** The 23-cent state fuel tax is expected to generate about \$1.3 billion in 1995-97. Of this, \$0.4 million will be directly distributed to cities and counties.

Cities receive 2.46 cents of the 23-cent state fuel tax and counties receive 4.43 cents of the 23-cent state fuel tax.

Use of motor vehicle funds is restricted by the 18th amendment of the state Constitution to highway purposes.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** Cities and counties are allowed to transfer state motor vehicle fund distributions for non-18th amendment sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Cities and counties may use non-18th amendment fund sources for nonhighway purposes such as transit.

**Amended Bill Compared to Substitute Bill:** Technical changes are made.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** No one.