

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6372

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As of January 19, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to transportation funding and appropriations.

**Brief Description:** Funding transportation.

**Sponsors:** Senators Owen and Prince; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/17/96.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Brad Lovaas (786-7307)

**Background:** Appropriation authority is required for the expenditure of state funds. State government operates on the basis of a fiscal biennium that begins on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. A biennial transportation budget was enacted in the 1995 session to fund transportation agencies and programs from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1997.

The Governor signed into law the 1995-97 transportation budget totaling just under \$3.117 billion of appropriations from over 30 different funds and accounts.

Two-thirds of the dollars appropriated in the transportation budget are for capital programs, and one-third is appropriated for operating programs of the transportation agencies.

The motor vehicle fund is the primary funding source of transportation programs, providing 45 percent or \$1.4 billion of transportation appropriations in the 1995-97 transportation budget.

The Legislature provided fiscal year 1996 (FY 96)-only funding for several transportation agencies' programs.

**Summary of Bill:** Appropriation authority of the transportation agencies is increased by \$167.5 million for the remainder of the 1995-97 biennium. The Governor's budget appropriates the \$167.5 million to eight state agencies: the Department of Transportation (\$71.6 million), the Transportation Improvement Board (\$55.8 million), the County Road Administration Board (\$20.0 million), the Department of Licensing (\$15.6 million), the State Parks and Recreation Commission (\$2.1 million), the Office of Marine Safety (\$385,000), and the Transportation Commission (\$87,000).

**Appropriation:** \$167.5 million.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.