
HOUSE BILL 3158

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of transportation improvement
2 districts for maintenance and operation of certain bridges; adding a
3 new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.14
4 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring
5 an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to
8 facilitate the transfer of state responsibility for certain historic
9 bridges that remain under state jurisdiction but are no longer on state
10 highways to local government, it is necessary to develop new funding
11 mechanisms that will, over time, relieve the state of maintenance and
12 operation costs of these bridges, as well as future costs of repair and
13 rehabilitation or replacement.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) A transportation improvement district may be created by the
17 legislative authority of any city or town in which is located a
18 mechanical lift bridge under state jurisdiction that: (a) Links two

1 employment centers as defined by a regional planning body; (b) crosses
2 a federally designated navigable waterway; (c) provides access for
3 emergency services to and from a major container shipping port; (d) is
4 on a local, state, or national historic register; (e) is located on an
5 arterial street that was formerly a state highway; and (f) has received
6 a substandard score on an engineering evaluation standard. The
7 transportation improvement district boundaries shall be the same as the
8 city limits and shall not extend beyond the city limits into another
9 city or town or unincorporated areas.

10 (2) The legislative authority of a city or town creating a
11 transportation improvement district shall (a) agree to assume
12 jurisdiction of the bridge described under subsection (1) of this
13 section upon the formation of the transportation improvement district
14 and (b) carry out the improvements financed by the transportation
15 improvement district as well as ongoing maintenance and operating costs
16 following rehabilitation or reconstruction of the bridge. The
17 legislative authority may seek state loans, grants, or other financial
18 assistance to pay for future needs of the bridge. Other revenue
19 including, but not limited to, state and federal appropriations, tolls,
20 competitive grants, and local and private revenue sources, may be
21 combined with the revenue from a transportation improvement district to
22 finance bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The legislative authority of a city or town that has created a
26 transportation improvement district under section 2 of this act may
27 impose a sales and use tax within the boundaries of the transportation
28 improvement district in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The
29 tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law and shall be
30 collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under
31 chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event
32 within the transportation improvement district. The rate of the tax
33 shall not exceed 0.20 percent of the selling price in the case of a
34 sales tax or the value of the article used in the case of a use tax.

35 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
36 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or
37 paid over to the department of revenue under chapter 82.08 or 82.12

1 RCW. The department of revenue shall perform the collection of the tax
2 on behalf of the city or town at no charge to the transportation
3 improvement district.

4 (3) The tax imposed under this section shall be used solely for
5 financing, repair, restoration, rehabilitation, maintenance,
6 construction, reconstruction, mitigation, property acquisition, and
7 other costs necessary for the repair or replacement of a qualifying
8 bridge described under section 2 of this act, including any mechanical
9 or electrical systems and bridge supports and approaches.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 June 1, 2008.

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