

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MODIFYING THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 01/26/09 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Finance Committee 01/29/09)

The Finance Committee Report amends the bill to reduce the road safety surcharge (created by the bill) on vehicles owned by farmers or ranchers and used commercially only to: 1) transport produce or livestock actually raised by the farmer or rancher or 2) transport commodities or livestock purchased by the farmer or rancher for personal use in the farmer's or rancher's farming operations. The amendment would reduce the surcharge for each vehicle by half. According to Legislative Council Staff, the fiscal note dated 01/26/09 assumes approximately \$1.95 million in road surcharge revenues from farm vehicles based on data from FY 2007-08. Using that assumption, the above amendment reduces revenues resulting from the bill by half of that amount, or approximately \$975,000 per year.

Staff does not expect that the resulting reduction would affect the total revenue estimates described on page one of the Legislative Council Staff fiscal note (at least \$200 million in FY 2008-09 and at least \$250 million in FY 2009-10).

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

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Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill does not contain, nor does it require, an appropriation clause.

The Department of Revenue does not require an appropriation of cash funds from the Colorado State Titling and Registration System (CSTARS) account for computer programming costs as identified in the Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note dated January 26, 2009,

because the FY 2009-10 Long Bill will include an appropriation for the Department of Revenue to implement legislation that requires computer programming hours. Programming costs in the Department of Revenue to implement session legislation will be shown in the Long Bill line item entitled "Programming Costs for 2009 Session Legislation."

The Department of Transportation does not require an appropriation for FY 2009-10 because expenditures are from the Highway Users Tax Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the Department, and the Bridge Special Fund, which is created by the bill and is also continuously appropriated to the Department of Transportation.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

1. The bill would continuously appropriate the resulting funds to the Transportation Commission. Is continuous appropriation necessary?