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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORITY FOR A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
102 **TO TRANSFER COUNTY GENERAL FUND MONEYS TO ITS COUNTY**
103 **ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AFTER A DECLARED DISASTER**
104 **EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Current law prohibits a board of county commissioners (BOCC) from using general fund moneys for road and bridge projects. The bill

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

allows a BOCC to transfer moneys from the county general fund to the county road and bridge fund if the governor declares a disaster emergency in the applicable county. The transfers are allowed for 4 years following the date of the governor's declaration of a disaster in the county, and the moneys transferred into the county road and bridge fund must be used only for disaster response and recovery in connection with roads and bridges.

The bill specifies that a county road and bridge fund may consist of any general fund moneys that a BOCC transfers to the fund after the governor declares a disaster emergency in the county. The BOCC is authorized to transfer back to the county general fund any moneys that it transfers to the county road and bridge fund.

In addition, current law authorizes a BOCC to levy a tax on all taxable property in the county to defray the expenditures and payments estimated to be made from the county road and bridge fund during the fiscal year. When the BOCC determines the rate of tax to be levied, the bill directs the BOCC to exclude from the estimated balance of the county road and bridge fund any moneys that it transferred to the county road and bridge fund from the county general fund after a declared disaster emergency.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-25-106, **add** (3)
3 as follows:

4 **30-25-106. Fund - purposes.** (3) NOTWITHSTANDING THE
5 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY
6 COMMISSIONERS IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER MONEYS FROM THE COUNTY
7 GENERAL FUND TO THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND CREATED IN
8 SECTION 43-2-202, C.R.S., IF THE GOVERNOR DECLARES, BY EXECUTIVE
9 ORDER OR PROCLAMATION, A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE APPLICABLE
10 COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-704 (4), C.R.S. THE BOARD OF
11 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE TRANSFERS UNTIL
12 FOUR YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF AN
13 EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY. ANY COUNTY GENERAL FUND MONEYS
14 TRANSFERRED INTO THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND SHALL BE USED

1 FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY IN A MANNER
2 CONSISTENT WITH THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF MONEYS IN THE COUNTY
3 ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-2-202, **amend** (1)
5 as follows:

6 **43-2-202. County road and bridge fund - apportionment to**
7 **municipalities.** (1) (a) A fund to be known as the county road and bridge
8 fund is created and established in each county of this state. Such fund
9 shall consist of the revenue derived from the tax authorized to be levied
10 under section 43-2-203 for road and bridge construction, maintenance,
11 and administration, all moneys received by the county from the state or
12 federal governments for expenditure on roads and bridges, and any other
13 moneys ~~which~~ THAT may become available to the county for such
14 purpose. Any moneys ~~which~~ THAT have become available to the county
15 for expenditure on roads and bridges by virtue of a condition placed on
16 any type of land use approval shall be accounted for separately and said
17 expenditures shall be limited to roads and bridges in connection with such
18 land use project.

19 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE MONEYS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF
20 THIS SUBSECTION (1), THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND CONSISTS OF
21 ANY GENERAL FUND MONEYS THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONERS OF THE APPLICABLE COUNTY TRANSFERS TO THE FUND
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-25-106 (3), C.R.S., AFTER THE GOVERNOR
24 DECLARES A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY. THE BOARD OF
25 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY TRANSFER BACK TO THE COUNTY GENERAL
26 FUND ANY MONEYS THAT IT TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY ROAD AND
27 BRIDGE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-25-106 (3), C.R.S.

1 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 43-2-203 as
2 follows:

3 **43-2-203. County road and bridge budget - tax levy.** (1) As a
4 part of the total county budget and in conformity with the "Local
5 Government Budget Law of Colorado", PART 1 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29,
6 C.R.S., each county shall annually adopt a county road and bridge budget
7 for the ensuing fiscal year, which budget shall show: The aggregate
8 amount estimated to be expended for county road and bridge construction,
9 maintenance, and administration and the aggregate amount estimated to
10 be paid from the county road and bridge fund to municipalities located
11 within the county, either in cash or in equivalent value of materials to be
12 furnished or work to be performed under mutual agreements with such
13 municipalities, during said fiscal year; the amount being carried over for
14 equivalent materials to be furnished or work to be performed from any
15 prior fiscal year for any municipality within the county pursuant to section
16 43-2-202 (2); the estimated balance in said fund at the beginning of said
17 fiscal year; the aggregate amount estimated to be received from state,
18 federal, or other sources during said fiscal year; and the amount necessary
19 to be raised during said fiscal year from the levy authorized in subsection
20 (2) of this section. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) DO NOT
21 APPLY TO ANY MONEYS IN THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
22 PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-25-106 (3), C.R.S.

23 (2) The board of county commissioners in each county is
24 authorized to levy such rate of tax on all taxable property located within
25 the county as required, when added to the estimated balance on hand at
26 the beginning of said ensuing fiscal year and the amount of all revenues,
27 other than property tax revenue, estimated to be received during said

1 fiscal year, to defray all expenditures and payments estimated to be made
2 from the county road and bridge fund during said fiscal year. WHEN
3 DETERMINING THE RATE OF TAX TO BE LEVIED PURSUANT TO THIS
4 SUBSECTION (2), THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL EXCLUDE
5 FROM THE ESTIMATED BALANCE OF THE COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
6 ANY MONEYS THAT IT TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION
7 30-25-106 (3), C.R.S.

8 **SECTION 4. Applicability.** This act applies to transfers from a
9 county general fund to a county road and bridge fund that occur on or
10 after September 10, 2013.

11 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.