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Abstract: Provides for uses of monies in the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund and provides for deposits and uses of monies in the fund.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes use of monies in the fund if the balance of the fund at the beginning of the year is in excess of \$5 billion. Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> further restricts appropriations from the fund in such circumstances to a maximum of 10% of the fund balance. <u>Proposed law</u> restricts appropriations from the fund in such circumstances to a maximum aggregate of 10% of the fund balance.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes use of monies in the fund in such circumstances for capital outlay projects and transportation infrastructure. <u>Proposed law</u> authorizes use of monies in the fund for capital outlay projects, transportation infrastructure, or both.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the legislature to appropriate from the fund in case of emergency regardless of the fund balance and without a maximum cap on withdrawals. <u>Proposed law</u> removes the ability of the legislature to spend in an emergency without a maximum cap on withdrawals. Further restricts use of fund monies regardless of the fund balance to offsetting a deficit in the current or ensuing fiscal year if sufficient revenue to solve the deficit cannot be withdrawn from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund. Additionally, requires the consent of 2/3 of the legislature for such appropriation and institutes a maximum withdrawal of \$250 million for each such deficit.

(Amends R.S. 39:100.112(E)(1) and (F); Adds R.S. 39:100.112(G))