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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 900** HLS 26RS 1235

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Damage Recovery Fund	

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

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Allocates money damages to highways to a state general fund

Proposed law provides for the Damage Recovery Fund, a fund established by the Department of Transportation and Development for the collection of funds recovered by the state for damage to state property which occurs from traffic accidents or other accidents that cause damage to state property on state highways. Proposed law authorizes the department to use the funds to repair the damage in the district in which it was caused or to refund the payment for repairs from damage caused by traffic accidents already paid by the district or the local governing authority.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a nominal increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures by the Department of Transportation and Development to recover funds from responsible parties who damage state property on state highways. Any funds that are recovered are to be deposited into the Damage Recovery Fund, a fund established by the Department of Transportation and Development for the collection of funds recovered by the state for damage to state property which occurs from traffic accidents or other accidents that cause damage to state property on state highways. The LFO assumes that any monies deposited into the fund will require a specific appropriation by the legislature. Proposed law provides that the fund can be used by the department to repair the damage or to reimburse districts or local governing authorities for repairs already made.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase in revenue deposited into the newly created Damage Recovery Fund within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Proposed law creates the fund and requires DOTD to deposit any funds recovered for damage to state property on state highways. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as it is unknown how much the department will recover annually from damage caused to state property on state highways.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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