
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 615 by Representative Freiberg

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line in its
3 entirety and delete lines 3 and 4 in their entirety and insert "to enact Part VI of Chapter 3 of
4 Subtitle IV"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, line 7, after "projects;" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete
7 lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert "to levy an excise tax on electric and"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, delete lines 17 and 18 in their entirety, delete pages 2 through 5 in their entirety
10 and on page 6, delete lines 1 through 27 in their entirety and at the beginning of line 28,
11 delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 1."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 7, at the beginning of line 24, delete "D." and insert "D.(1)"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 5

15 On page 8, line 4, after "Subfund" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert
16 the following:

17 "as follows:

18 (a) Eighty percent of the avails shall be utilized on highway and bridge
19 preservation projects included in the Highway Priority Program in accordance with
20 the Department of Transportation and Development's definitions of such projects.
21 The total cost of a preservation project shall include the prorated cost associated with
22 third-party services required by the department to create, implement, and maintain
23 an online platform pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 48:229.2.

24 (b) Twenty percent of the avails shall be utilized on Highway Priority
25 Program projects classified as capacity projects in accordance with the Department
26 of Transportation and Development's definitions of such projects. The total cost of
27 a capacity project shall include the prorated cost associated with third-party services
28 required by the department to create, implement, and maintain an online platform
29 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 48:229.2. The following mega projects shall be
30 prioritized by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development
31 and constructed based on the completion of each project's federally mandated
32 environmental process and requirements:

33 (i) Replacement of the I-10 Calcasieu River bridge and I-10 improvements
34 from the I-210 interchange west of the river to the I-210 interchange east of the river.

35 (ii) A new Mississippi River Bridge at Baton Rouge with freeway-level
36 connections from the interstate west of Baton Rouge to the interstate east of Baton
37 Rouge.

1 (iii) Upgrades to US 90 to interstate standards from the I-10 and I-49
2 interchange at Lafayette to New Orleans.

3 (iv) Widening of I-12 to six lanes and associated improvements where this
4 interstate is not yet upgraded from Baton Rouge to the Mississippi state line.

5 (v) A new, four lane Jimmie Davis Bridge on LA 511 across the Red River
6 in Shreveport-Bossier.

7 (vi) Widening to six lanes and associated improvements to I-20 at Monroe
8 from LA 546 to LA 594.

9 (vii) US 90, Port of New Orleans access improvements with improved and
10 maintained interstate lighting in New Orleans.

11 (viii) Alexandria-Pineville Beltway, Segments E, F, G, H, and I from La. 28
12 East to LA 28 West.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the allocation of the avails of the tax provided for in
14 Subparagraphs (1)(a) and (b) of this Subsection, the avails of the taxes levied
15 pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be allocated to maximize the state's
16 share of federal funding for construction projects in each fiscal year.

17 (3) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a reduction in
18 funding for the Parish Transportation Fund, the Port Construction and Development
19 Priority Program, or the Statewide Flood Control Program below funding levels for
20 these programs appropriated in the FY 2020-2021 budget.

21 E.(1) No later than July 1, 2022, the legislative auditor shall commence a
22 comprehensive audit of the Department of Transportation and Development as
23 follows:

24 (a) To review the department's operations and organizational efficiency in
25 order to ensure that the department can perform all of its required operations and
26 functions within the funding provided for in R.S. 47:818.12.

27 (b) To review the department's use of the avails of the taxes deposited into
28 the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to the
29 provisions of Article VII, Section 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

30 (2) The legislative auditor shall present his findings and recommendations
31 no later than September 30, 2023, to the speaker of the House of Representatives and
32 the president of the Senate."

33 AMENDMENT NO. 6

34 On page 8, at the beginning of line 5, delete "Section 3." and insert "Section 2."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 7

36 On page 8, at the beginning of line 27, delete "Section 4." and insert "Section 3."

37 AMENDMENT NO. 8

38 On page 8, delete lines 29 and 30 in their entirety and on page 9, delete line 1 in its entirety
39 and insert the following:

40 "Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022."