

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning a temporary reduction in the road safety surcharge, and, in connection therewith, modifying the allocation of revenues from the surcharge to increase allocations to counties and municipalities during the temporary reduction.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Bridges; Kirkmeyer
Representatives Bird; Sirota

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation not required, Amendment in Packet

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03-31-2025.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

L.001 Bill Sponsor amendment – changes fiscal impact.

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriations clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.001

Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) changes the date of implementation of the fee reduction from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2025. This change aligns the bill to reflect the \$21.8 million revenue savings in FY 2025-26 that was anticipated by Joint Budget Committee members as part of the Long Bill package by adjusting the implementation date of the fee reduction.

Points to Consider

TABOR/ Excess State Revenues Impact

The March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) revenue forecast projects a TABOR surplus liability of \$642.7 million for FY 2025-26 and \$775.8 million for FY 2026-27 to be refunded to taxpayers out of the General Fund. Legislation that decreases non-exempt revenue (such as cash funds) will decrease the TABOR refund from the General Fund.

The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a budget package for FY 2025-26 based on the March 2025 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. This bill is currently estimated to decrease cash fund revenues by \$11.4 million in FY 2025-26 and by \$23.0 million in FY 2026-27, which will increase the available General Fund in each fiscal year by equal amounts. However, the JBC has included as part of its FY 2025-26 budget package a decrease of \$21.8 million in cash fund revenues according to the Department of Transportation's forecast for a reduction starting on July 1, 2025. This anticipated reduction in cash fund revenue is reflected in amendment L.001.