

Fiscal Analysis

PA 51 OF 1951 – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5375 (H-1) As reported, Rep. James Koetje**

House Committee Transportation

Analysis

Summary

House Bill 5375 would amend Section 10e of Public Act 51 of 1951 to change certain Michigan Department of Transportation reporting requirements. The proposed changes are in response to a September 2003 audit of the Bureau of Planning (OAG 59-150-01), by the Office of Auditor General.

Fiscal Impact

Section 10e of Public Act 51 of 1951 (MCL 660e) establishes a priority order for appropriations from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF). This section was first added to Act 51 by PA 297 of 1976. PA 438 of 1982 subsequently added language which required the department to prepare an annual transportation program. Although this language was in the section dealing with the CTF, the annual program was apparently not limited to public transportation programs; it was apparently to include the department's road and bridge programs.

The requirements of Section 10e are not consistent with federally-mandated reporting requirements, which provide for a biennial state transportation improvement program (STIP). In a September 2003 audit of the Bureau of Planning (OAG 59-150-01), the Office of Auditor General recommended that the department request that the legislature amend PA 51 of 1951 to make the state planning and reporting requirements consistent with federal requirements. This recommendation had been made in a prior OAG audit. House Bill 5375 is an attempt to bring Section 10e of Act 51 into agreement with federal planning requirements.

House Bill 5375 would amend Section 10e only. However, a similar discrepancy between the requirements of Act 51 and federal reporting requirements exists in Section 10h. This problem was noted in the Auditor General's November 1998 audit of UPTRAN (OAG 59-180-97).

The bill has no apparent direct fiscal impact

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