



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536



BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

Senate Bill 1147 (as introduced 4-1-2004)
Sponsor: Senator Shirley Johnson
Committee: Appropriations

Date Completed: 5-17-2004

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 286 of 1964, which governs the powers and duties of the State Transportation Commission, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the MDOT director, to require MDOT to submit the annual Five Year Transportation Program to the legislature for approval. Beginning with the Five Year Transportation Program covering the years 2009 to 2013, MDOT would be required to submit the Program to the legislature for approval. Under the bill, MDOT would be prohibited from implementing the Five Year Transportation Program unless it is approved by a majority vote of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Michigan Department of Transportation issued its first Five Year Road & Bridge Program in 1999, covering the years 1998 to 2003. The document provided a summary of MDOT's planned road and bridge program for the next five-year period, including projected funding and a listing of projects in each of MDOT's seven regions. The Department has issued a Five Year Road & Bridge Program in each of the past five years. The most recent document was issued in February 2004 (volume VI) and covers the period 2004 to 2008. This document includes information on all modes of transportation in the State instead of focusing exclusively on road and bridge infrastructure and therefore was re-named the Five Year Transportation Program.

The Legislature has included language in each of the last five MDOT annual appropriations act that requires the submission of the Five Year Transportation Program to the Legislature. The language requires the submission of the Program by February 1 of each year. The current-year reporting requirement is contained in Section 307 of Public Act 162 of 2003.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5762, which would amend Public Act 51 of 1951 to require legislative approval of the Five Year Transportation Program covering the years 2009-2013. The approval requirements mirror those contained in Senate Bill 1147.

MCL 247.806a et al.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

Fiscal Analyst: Craig Thiel

SAS\S0304\s1147sa

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.