



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1490

transportation funding; task force
Prime Sponsor: Senator Worsley, LD 25

DPA Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DPA Caucus and COW

X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

SB 1490 establishes the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force.

PROVISIONS

1. Creates the Surface Transportation Funding Task Force (task force) consisting of nine members:
 - a. one member with at least 10 years of transportation experience who is employed by a trucking company based in Arizona and is appointed by the Governor,
 - b. one member with at least 10 years of transportation experience who represents a credible highway user group that represents the motoring public and is appointed by the Governor,
 - c. one member who represents a statewide business organization and is appointed by the Governor, and
 - d. six members, two appointed by the Governor, two appointed by the President of the Senate and two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. Requires the appointment of members to be made within 30 days after the effective date.
 - a. Stipulates if 40 days after the effective date all members have not been appointed the appointing authorities shall jointly fill the remaining unfilled positions.
3. Requires each member appointed to have at least 10 years of experience in:
 - a. State or local taxation,
 - b. revenue forecasting,
 - c. economic forecasting,
 - d. municipal debt issuance, or
 - e. state or local government finances in this state.
4. Specifies that a member may not hold elected public office or be employed by a transportation planning agency during the time served on the task force or for five years after the time they were appointed.
5. States no more than four members can reside in any one county and the remaining members must be residents of at least three different counties.
6. Requires the Governor, in consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to designate a task force chairperson and vice-chairperson.
7. Mandates the task force to:
 - a. Review the existing reports and analyses regarding transportation needs and revenue sources in Arizona;

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- b. Recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for principal interstate highways in Arizona that are sufficient to meet projected interstate freight capacity needs for twenty years;
 - c. Recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated incremental funding sources for the highway user revenue fund (HURF) that are sufficient to meet the statewide needs of the state highway system and associated proportionate funding for local government recipients of highway user revenues based on the highway user revenue distribution requirements;
 - d. Recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for the entire Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol costs excluding any monies from HURF;
 - e. Recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding options for regional state highway system and highway capacity needs for 20 years;
 - f. Recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding options for local city, town and county roads and streets;
 - g. Conduct a statewide study in consultation with the Department of Administration (ADOA) to identify vacant or underused buildings owned by the state and determine if selling them could provide funding for transportation projects;
 - h. Prioritize the recommendations if the task force recommends more than one proposal;
 - i. Engage in any other related duties as determined by the task force members.
8. Requires the task force to meet at least monthly at the state capital in a hearing room at either the Senate or the House of Representatives.
9. Stipulates a task force member's position will be considered vacant after:
- a. A member misses two consecutive meetings and a new member is appointed by the appointing authority within 20 days after the second missed meeting; or
 - b. A member misses at least three meetings and a new member is appointed by the appointing authority within 20 days after the third missed meeting.
10. Mandates the task force to provide a progress report every three months and submit a final report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2016 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of State.
11. Requires any that staff support the task force requests to be from any of the following:
- a. the Department of Administration,
 - b. the Department of Transportation,
 - c. the Department of Revenue,
 - d. the Arizona Commerce Authority,
 - e. other executive branch personnel,
 - f. staff of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee,
 - g. any municipal planning organization in this state,
 - h. staff of the Senate, or
 - i. staff of the House of Representatives.
12. Contains a delayed repeal date from and after June 30, 2017.
13. Contains an emergency clause.

CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.