

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Annual adjustment of motor vehicle fuel tax rate and depositing motor vehicle sales and use tax revenues into the transportation fund					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under AB 710, if the motor fuel tax is no longer annually adjusted, then annually, beginning in 2007, an amount from the sales and use taxes imposed on the sale of motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and services will be deposited into the Transportation Fund. That amount is equal to the difference between the amount of motor vehicle fuel taxes that would have been generated in the current fiscal year if the annual adjustment of the motor vehicle fuel tax was in effect and the amount of the motor vehicle fuel taxes actually generated in the current fiscal year.

Based on changes to the motor fuel tax rate forecast in the 2005-07 biennial budget (Act 25), if the annual indexing adjustment of the motor fuel tax rate were eliminated starting with the April 1, 2007 adjustment, increases of \$.006, \$.006, and \$.007 for FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009 would not occur. Estimated lost revenue to the Transportation Fund due to the elimination of indexing would amount to \$5.1 million, 26.0 million, and \$49.1 million in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009. AB 710 provides for the transfer of sales and use tax collections from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund to replace lost revenues from the elimination of the annual adjust of the motor fuel tax rate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

AB 710 provides for the transfer of General Fund revenues (sales and use tax collections from motor vehicle sales and motor vehicle parts and services) to the Transportation Fund, if indexing of the motor fuel excise tax rate is eliminated. Starting in the 2007-09 biennium, lost revenues from the elimination of indexing will amount to \$75.1 million. By the 2013-15 biennium (ten years hence), the cumulative impact of eliminating indexing will represent \$517.5 million in lost motor fuel revenues. Current annual collections of state sales tax revenues from the sale of new and used vehicles represents approximately \$470 to \$480 million. Due to the growth in existing state programs funded out of the General Fund compared to growth in revenues, it is estimated (LFB letter from Bob Lang to Senator Michael Ellis dated August 15, 2005) that the General Fund will be \$1.4 billion short (expenditures exceed revenues) for the 2007-09 biennia. This "structural deficit" has been solved as part of budget deliberations for the past two biennium (and has existed at some level for the past 10 to 12 years). In the current budgeting environment, it is not likely that there will be sufficient revenues in the General Fund to both maintain existing or growing program levels and to make significant transfers to the Transportation Fund.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs			
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		5,100,000	
TOTAL State Revenues		\$5,100,000	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$5,100,000	\$
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