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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill changes the snowmobile gas tax formula used to calculate the amount of funds transferred from the transportation fund to the conservation fund.

Currently, the amount of the snowmobile gas tax transfer from the transportation fund to the conservation fund is based on the number of snowmobiles registered for public use as well as the number of commercial owner registrations and additional commercial plates, multiplied by 50 gallons, and multiplying that product by an excise tax of \$0.309 per gallon. Under current law, an amount equal to 40% of the amount calculated previously is added to the transfer. Instead of basing the formula on the number of registered snowmobiles in the state as in current law, the bill bases the estimated snowmobile gas tax formula on an estimate of the excise tax paid on gasoline by operators of registered snowmobiles in this state who are issued a trail use sticker.

Under current law the formula amount of the transfer for FY 12 is \$5,078,100, based on 234,778 snowmobile registrations. The amount appropriated for FY 13 is \$5,104,700, based on 236,000 snowmobile registrations.

Under the proposed bill, if all registrants purchased a trail use pass, there would be no fiscal effect.

SB 365's fiscal impact to the transportation fund could vary if the sale of annual snowmobile trails use passes changes year to year because of weather conditions or other factors affecting the condition and use of the trails.

The local fiscal effect is also indeterminate since these revenues will be distributed by the Department of Natural Resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications