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## Fuel Tax Transfer Reestimates (DNR -- Fish, Wildlife and Recreation)

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### CURRENT LAW

Annually, motor fuel tax revenue is transferred to the water resources, snowmobile, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accounts. The amounts transferred are based on the number of boats, snowmobiles, and ATVs registered and the motor fuel tax assessed on statutorily-specified dates.

### MODIFICATION

Provide for the following changes to the fuel tax transfers to reflect reestimates based on recent data. In addition, increase the level of ATV trail aids provided in the bill by \$166,000 SEG in 2001-02 and \$281,500 SEG in 2002-03 to reflect the reestimated revenues.

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
<b>Water Resources</b>		
Bill	\$10,756,200	\$11,285,200
<b>Snowmobile</b>		
Bill	\$4,228,400	\$4,436,900
Change to Bill	<u>269,300</u>	<u>444,800</u>
Total Reestimate	\$4,497,700	\$4,881,700
<b>ATV</b>		
Bill	\$788,300	\$827,200
Change to Bill	<u>166,000</u>	<u>281,500</u>
Total Reestimate	\$954,300	\$1,108,700
 Total Change to Bill	 \$435,300	 \$726,300

## EXPLANATION

**Motorboat:** No change to the Governor's recommendation is necessary.

**Snowmobile:** The total amount of motor fuel tax revenue to be transferred to the snowmobile account is reestimated to be \$4,497,700 in 2001-02 and \$4,881,700 in 2002-03. The reestimates are based on: (a) the actual motor fuel tax rate of 26.4¢ per gallon on February 28, 2001 and an estimated rate of 27.3¢ per gallon on February 28, 2002; and (b) the actual 243,382 snowmobiles registered on February 28, 2001, and an estimated 255,454 snowmobiles registered on February 28, 2002.

**ATV:** The total amount of motor fuel tax revenue to be transferred to the ATV account is reestimated to be \$954,300 in 2001-02 and \$1,108,700 in 2002-03. The reestimates are based on: (a) the actual motor fuel tax rate of 26.4¢ per gallon on February 28, 2001 and an estimated rate of 27.3¢ per gallon on February 28, 2002; and (b) the actual 144,597 ATVs registered on February 28, 2001, and an estimated 162,441 ATVs registered on February 28, 2002. Further, the amount of ATV gas tax revenue transferred is made available for ATV trail aids.

<b>Modification</b>	<b>SEG</b>
<b>2001-03 FUNDING</b> (Change to Base)	\$4,080,200
<i>[Change to Bill</i>	<i>\$1,609,100]</i>

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