

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; AMENDING SECTION 40-719, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 17, CHAPTER 341, LAWS OF 2015, TO EXTEND A SUNSET DATE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 40-719, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-719. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho transportation department and the local highway technical assistance council shall each establish and maintain a strategic initiatives program. The purpose of the program is to fund transportation projects that are proposed by the department's six (6) districts for the state system and the local highway technical assistance council for the local units of government. Proposed projects shall compete for strategic initiative program selection and funding on a statewide basis based on an analysis of their return on investment in the following categories:

(a) Safety, including the projected reduction of crashes, injuries and fatalities;

(b) Mobility, including projected traffic-flow improvements for freight and passenger cars;

(c) Economic opportunity, including the projected cost-benefit ratio for users and businesses;

(d) The repair and maintenance of bridges; and

(e) The purchase of public rights-of-way.

(2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the strategic initiatives program fund to which shall be deposited:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, the provisions of this paragraph shall only be in effect from the effective date of this act through May 31, 20~~17~~19. The state controller shall transfer fifty percent (50%) of any excess cash balance from the general fund to the strategic initiatives program fund upon the financial close of the current fiscal year subject to the following criteria: When calculating any excess cash balance, the state controller shall first provide for the ending balance as determined by the legislative record to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount sufficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of financial management, and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation as authorized by the legislature.

(b) Any other appropriated moneys for funding of the strategic initiatives program;

1 (c) Unless otherwise specified, moneys transferred into this fund af-
2 ter May 30, 2017, shall be apportioned as follows:

3 (i) Forty percent (40%) to local units of government for the pur-
4 pose of operating a strategic initiatives program administered
5 by the local highway technical assistance council established in
6 section 40-2401, Idaho Code; and

7 (ii) Sixty percent (60%) to Idaho transportation department for
8 the purpose of operating a strategic initiatives program.

9 (d) The strategic initiatives program for local units of government
10 shall be exempt from the requirements contained in subsection (1) (c) of
11 this section.

12 Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid
13 to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be used for funding the strategic
14 initiatives program.

15 SECTION 2. That Section 17, Chapter 341, Laws of 2015, be, and the same
16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 SECTION 17. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is
18 hereby declared to exist, Sections 6 and 7 of this act shall be in
19 full force and effect on and after passage and approval. Sections
20 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this act shall be in
21 full force and effect on and after July 1, 2015. Section 7 of this
22 act shall be null, void and of no force and effect on and after May
23 31, 2017~~19~~. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall be in full force and
24 effect on and after May 31, 2017~~19~~.

25 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
26 declared to exist, Section 3 of this act shall be in full force and effect on
27 and after May 30, 2017.