

HB 5045

Transportation Package Budget

HB 5045 provides the expenditure limitation needed to begin implementation of the Transportation Funding Package (HB 2017) in the 2017-19 biennium. It provides Other Funds expenditure limitation of:

- \$110.9 million and 36.6 FTE for the Department of Transportation, mostly for direct project costs, public transit grants, and project-related studies;
- \$3.9 million and 4.25 FTE for the Department of Revenue to implement transportation package taxes, including the new statewide transit tax; and
- \$389,122 and 1.75 FTE for the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a rebate program for the purchase of qualifying low emission vehicles, and to address increased storm water permitting resulting from the transportation projects in HB 2017.

The limitation in the bill for ODOT reflects the estimated need for the first six months of the 2017-19 biennium. A related budget note directs the Department to report during the 2018 legislative session on the status of hiring and projects included in the package, and on additional limitation and positions needed to fully implement the package.

The bill includes trigger language so that it would only become effective if HB 2017 is enacted. The recommended amendment provides the described expenditure limitation.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 5045 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.