

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1600

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to county road construction projects reporting requirements.

**Brief Description:** Revising county road project reporting.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Takko, Wallace and Woods; by request of County Road Administration Board.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/7/05, 2/10/05 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Deletes obsolete references to Budget Accounting System codes and descriptions in county road construction reporting requirement laws.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 27 members: Representatives Murray, Chair; Wallace, Vice Chair; Woods, Ranking Minority Member; Skinner, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Buck, Campbell, Curtis, Dickerson, Ericksen, Flannigan, Hankins, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kilmer, Lovick, Morris, Nixon, Rodne, Schindler, Sells, Shabro, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Takko, Upthegrove and Wood.

**Staff:** Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

**Background:**

The Washington State Auditor's Office prescribes the accounting and reporting systems of local government, per RCW 43.09.200. Accounting and reporting requirements are detailed in a Budgetary, Accounting, and Reporting System (BARS) manual, which contains a standardized chart of accounts.

The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) administers the county portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax, issues standards of good practice, and provides technical services to the road departments of Washington's 39 counties. Current law requires counties to report to CRAB on road construction maintenance, planning, and budgeting. These laws contain references to specific local government BARS manual accounts, which have been updated since the laws were last revised.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Obsolete BARS manual account numbers and references are removed in RCW 36.77.065 regarding county road construction budgets, and in RCW 36.81.130 regarding county road construction and maintenance planning and reporting.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill will delete obsolete references and help clarify reporting requirement laws.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** Walt Olsen, County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.