
Capital Budget Committee

HB 1285

Brief Description: Adding the treasurer to the public works board.

Sponsors: Representatives Doglio, Steele, Kirby, Tharinger, Ryu, DeBolt, Volz, Dolan, Frame and Rude; by request of State Treasurer.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Increases the membership of the Public Work Board and adds the State Treasurer or State Treasurer's designee.

Hearing Date: 2/19/19

Staff: Melissa Palmer (786-7388).

Background:

The Public Work Board.

The Public Works Board (Board) may make loans or grants from the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) to finance the acquisition, construction, repair, replacement, or improvement of the following local public works: bridges, streets, and roads; water systems; storm and sanitary sewage systems; and solid waste facilities, including recycling. For up to a maximum of 20 percent of the biennial PWAA capital budget appropriation, the Board may make loans or grants for preconstruction, emergency, and capital facilities planning. Up to 10 percent of the PWAA capital budget appropriation may be provided for grants. Local governments and special purpose districts, except port and school districts, are eligible to apply for loans from the PWAA. The Board may provide technical assistance. The Board may require a local government to provide a long-term financial plan for maintenance and loan repayments, and undergo value planning at the predesign stage. Existing debt or financial obligations may not be refinanced.

Public Works Board Membership.

The Board is staffed by the Department of Commerce and consists of 13 voting members appointed by the Governor: two elected officials and one public works manager representing

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cities; two elected officials and one public works manager representing counties; three members representing public utility and water-sewer districts; and four members representing the general public.

Summary of Bill:

The Public Works Board membership is increased from 13 to 14 members and State Treasurer, or State Treasurer's designee, is added.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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