HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5106

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to transportation appropriations.

Brief Description: Adopting the supplemental transportation budget.

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Vognild and Conner; by request of Office of Financial Management and Governor Gardner).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Transportation, March 25, 1991, DP; Passed House, April 9, 1991, 97-0; Passed Legislature, 97-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Cantwell; Cooper; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Haugen; Horn; P. Johnson; R. Johnson; Jones; Mitchell; Nelson; Orr; Prentice; Prince; Schmidt; Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

Staff: Gene Schlatter (786-7316).

Background: Appropriation authority is required for the expenditure of state funds. Additional appropriation authority is necessary for several Department of Transportation programs for the 1989-91 biennium because of unforeseen circumstances.

Summary of Bill: The 1991 transportation supplemental budget adds \$12.4 million to the 1989-91 appropriation. The major elements of the supplemental budget are: 1) \$8.0 million for flood/disaster activities (for washed out roadway and culverts, slide removal, and bridge repair); 2) \$0.5 million to increase snow and ice control because of the harsh winter; and 3) \$3.9 million for marine fuel/tort claims.

The total appropriation is \$12.4 million, of which \$6.8 million is from the motor vehicle fund-federal, \$1.7 million from the motor vehicle fund-state, and \$3.9 million from marine.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Appropriation: Yes.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: This appropriation authority is necessary to fund additional tort claim, marine fuel, flood/disaster, and snow and ice control activities.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Jim Clemen, Department of Transportation.