

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 1868

AS OF MARCH 19, 1991

Brief Description: Restructuring administration of the department of transportation.

SPONSORS: Representatives Anderson, Ferguson, Cantwell, G. Fisher, Pruitt, Wineberry, Phillips and Hine.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Martin Lovinger (786-7443)

Hearing Dates:

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of Transportation currently is appointed by and answers to the Transportation Commission, a seven member board appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate. The Governor has no direct authority over the Secretary. The Secretary can be removed by the commission, but only for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office or failure to carry out the commission's policy.

SUMMARY:

The Governor appoints the Secretary of Transportation with the consent of the Senate. The Secretary answers directly to and holds office at the pleasure of the Governor. The Secretary receives policy guidance from both the Governor and the Transportation Commission.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

Effective Date: July 1, 1991