

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5019

AS OF JANUARY 16, 1991

Brief Description: Authorizing the governor to appoint the secretary of transportation.

SPONSORS: Senators von Reichbauer, Vognild, McDonald, Thorsness, Gaspard and Erwin.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Staff: Martin Lovinger (786-7443)

Hearing Dates: January 24, 1991

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.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested January 15, 1991