
Local Government Committee

HB 1868

Brief Description: Expanding county road fund purposes for certain counties.

Sponsors: Representatives Lytton and Morris.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes counties that consist entirely of islands to use moneys in the county road fund for marine uses relating to navigation and moorage, and marine facilities, including mooring buoys, docks, and aids for navigation.

Hearing Date: 2/11/15

Staff: Michaela Murdock (786-7289).

Background:

In each county, there is a fund known as the county road fund (CRF). Any funds which accrue to the county for use upon the roads must be credited and deposited into the CRF.

The CRF may receive funds from sources such as: (a) levies made by the county legislative authority for the purpose of raising revenue to establish, lay out, construct, alter, repair, improve, and maintain county roads, bridges, and wharves necessary for vehicle ferriage, and other proper county purposes; (b) the motor vehicle fund; and (c) reimbursements by the federal government for expenditures made from the CRF.

Money paid to a CRF may be used for purposes enumerated in statute:

- the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, or maintenance of county roads and bridges;
- wharves necessary for ferriage of motor vehicles;
- ferries;
- acquiring, operating, and maintaining machinery, equipment, quarries, or pits for the extraction of materials;

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- the cost of establishing county roads, acquiring rights-of-way, and operating the county engineering office;
- programs directly related to county road purposes, specifically, insurance programs, self-insurance programs, and risk management programs; and
- any other proper county road purpose.

A county road purpose specifically includes construction, maintenance, or improvement of park and ride lots, and the removal of barriers to fish passage.

Summary of Bill:

Counties that consist entirely of islands are authorized to use money paid to a CRF for marine facilities, including mooring buoys, docks, and aids to navigation. Additionally, for purposes of expending money paid to a CRF in a county that consists entirely of islands, county road purposes specifically include marine uses relating to navigation and moorage.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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