

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB453**

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**Chairperson: Senator Suzanne Geist**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: February 28, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 453 would better integrate the Division of Aeronautics into the Department of Transportation by authorizing all administrative expenses, including employee's salaries and benefits, to be paid out of the Highway Cash Fund; authorize an increase in the dollar threshold before which NDOT must seek prequalification and sealed bids from \$100,000 to \$250,000; and update the State-Aid Bridge Fund statutes by reducing the amount of match a county must provide from fifty percent to "up to" twenty percent to be considered for SAB funds.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Barry DeKay**