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**LB 771** 

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# **FISCAL NOTE**

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES * |              |             |              |             |  |  |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
|  | FY 2008-09   |             | FY 2009-10   |             |  |  |
|  | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE     | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE     |  |  |
| GENERAL FUNDS                                |              | (2,250,000) |              | (2,250,000) |  |  |
| CASH FUNDS                                   | See below    | See below   | See below    | See below   |  |  |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                |              |             |              |             |  |  |
| OTHER FUNDS                                  |              |             |              |             |  |  |
| TOTAL FUNDS                                  |              |             |              |             |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 771 creates the Expressway Construction Fund and provides that \$50 million shall be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Expressway Construction Fund within seven days after the effective date of this act. Due to the emergency clause this transfer will take place in FY2007-08.

### **Department of Roads Impact**

The bill specifies that money in the Expressway Construction Fund shall be used to complete unfinished portions of the 1988 Expressway Plan. The Department of Roads will have an additional \$50 million, plus interest earned, earmarked for use in completing the expressway system. The timing of related construction expenditures is currently unknown and may take place over more than one year. For this reason the size of the invested balance over time is unknown which makes an accurate estimate of interest earnings unavailable.

# Cash Reserve Fund and General Fund Impact

The Cash Reserve Fund's unobligated balance at the end of this biennium on June 30, 2009 is estimated to be \$540 million. This takes into account transfers that are currently required by law but does not include any transfers proposed by legislation introduced in the 2008 session. LB 711 would reduce this estimated unobligated balance down to \$490 million.

The interest earned on the Cash Reserve Fund (CRF) balance is deposited into the General Fund. Reducing the CRF balance by \$50 million will reduce General Fund interest revenue by an estimated \$375,000 in FY07-08 (2 months), and by an estimated \$2,250,000 annually beginning in FY2008-09, assuming a 4.5% interest rate.

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#### COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS: Concur with Department of Road's analysis and estimates of both increased revenue and expenditures fiscal impact.