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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary of HB 57 (Work Order No. 27-LS0315\A)

TO: Representative Paul Seaton
Attn: Mary Jane Shows

FROM: Brian J. Kane *BJK*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of HB 57, a bill authorizing municipalities and nonprofit organizations to sponsor a program to encourage the safe use of bicycles as a mode of transportation and amending the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to include administration of state funds appropriated for that purpose.

Please note that a sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of a bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of this bill provides that a municipality may establish a program to encourage the safe use, distribution, and maintenance of bicycles, bicycle helmets, bicycle facilities, and bicycle trailers and apply for grants to purchase bicycles, bicycle helmets, bicycle facilities, and bicycle trailers.

Section 2 of the bill establishes in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities a grant program to encourage safe bicycle ridership which allows municipalities and nonprofit organizations to apply for financial assistance to establish programs for the purchase of bicycles, bicycle helmets, bicycle facilities, and bicycle trailers.

Section 3 of the bill instructs the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to mail a survey to residents who received a bicycle or bicycle trailer under the program and report to the legislature an evaluation of the program.

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