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CSSB 368 (Finance)

RE: LOCAL SERVICES ROADS AND TRAILS

BILL ANALYSIS

Section 1. Allows acquisition of right of ways for secondary roads and local service roads. Places the secondary highway system under the local service roads and trails program (LSR&T).

Section 2. Allows LSR&T funds to go directly to first class cities which are eligible under the program. Under current law only home rule cities within boroughs are covered.

Section 3. Requires that five-year plans for acquisition and construction of local service roads and trails be submitted annually by eligible local governments for approval by the Commissioner. The Commissioner must submit a state five-year plan, which includes approved local five-year plans, to the Governor before December 1 of the fiscal year.

Section 4. Allows local governments to participate financially in the acquisition and construction of local service roads and trails.

Section 5. Provides that the costs of right of ways acquisition shall be charged to the project allocation.

Section 6. Allows local governments which have assumed road powers to enter into project agreements with the Commissioner for the acquisition and construction of a specific project.

Section 7. Allows the Commissioner to delegate power to approve contracts to local governments which have assumed road powers.

Section 8. Each project shall be administered by the department in accordance with established state guidelines except where there is a delegation of the power to approve contracts (See Sec. 7 above).

Section 9. Clarifies existing statutory language stating that local governments which have assumed road powers and supervise LSR&T projects may establish design standards. LSR&T projects under the supervision of the state are constructed to state design standards.

Section 10. Defines "local government" to include unified municipalities and first class cities.

Section 11. Defines "secondary road" as any road which is not included on the approved Federal-aid primary highway system and is being maintained by the state or local government.

Section 12. Gives second class boroughs the power to participate jointly with the state in the construction of local service roads and trails. This power may be exercised by ordinance and does not require election to adopt the power.

SENATE BILL 368

Reported back on April 8 by Transportation with the committee recommending as follows: Senator Ray - no recommendation. Dankworth, Kerttula and Gilman signed - do pass. To finance

May 14 - Finance Committee considered SB 368 and recommended it be replaced with CS for SB 368 (FIN) and it do pass. Report was signed by Bennett, and concurred in by Sackett, Stimson, Sturgulewski, Eliason and Ferguson. Attached a new zero fiscal note

Referred to Rules Committee/