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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6793

BILL NUMBER: HB 1117

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Highway Modernization Projects.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Denbo

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 X DEDICATED
 X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to add to its biennial work program a category of projects that are designed to improve the capacity of state highways without constructing new travel lanes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The provisions of this proposal should have no fiscal impact with respect to the receipt of federal funds, based on the statement below from the Federal Highway Administration. This bill may, however, influence the types of projects which will be included in the Department's biennial work program. The funds affected are federal funds and the State Highway Fund.

Background Information: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) does not have a definition for "modernization," but they include many types of work under the term "reconstruction." When a road is scheduled for reconstruction, the FHWA frequently uses the terms. The FHWA also uses phrases such as "3-R" and "4-R" standards to communicate that they are bringing a facility up to a current design standard to maintain safe and adequate highways. The very factors listed as "modernization," such as curve corrections, sight-distance corrections, and improving road geometrics would be included in the FHWA reconstruction of an existing highway. The FHWA would also include as eligible the upgrade of existing signs and lighting, as well. All of these types of improvement are eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds even if they were defined by the state as "modernization." Therefore, "modernization" does not appear to have any impact. However, a final determination by the FHWA would need to be based upon whatever the final legislation passed by the state legislature includes.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected:

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