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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/11/15

SPONSOR Gonzales **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 175

SHORT TITLE Transportation Interim Committee **SB** _____

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 175 creates a joint interim legislative transportation committee to analyze the changing transportation needs of the State. The Transportation Committee will consist of ten members, five appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and five appointed by the Senate Committee's Committee or by the President Pro Tem of the Senate if the appointments are made in the interim.

After its appointment, the committee will hold an organizational meeting to develop a work plan and budget. Upon approval of the plan and budget by the Legislative Council, the committee will examine:

- (1) the current conditions and capabilities of the State's transportation system;
- (2) the patterns of economic and population growth that may impact the demand on the transportation system and changes in the types of transportation options required by businesses and residents;
- (3) the costs of maintaining, repairing and improving the State's transportation system; and

- (4) the ability of current revenue streams to meet the State’s transportation needs and options to meet potential deficits in future revenue streams.

The Transportation Committee will report its findings and recommendations for consideration of the Legislature. The report and suggested legislation will be provided to the Legislative Council by December 15, preceding each legislative session.

Staff for the Transportation Committee will be provided by the Legislative Council Service.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Legislative Council Service (LCS) will provide the staff and budget for the transportation committee. The budget for the committee will include member per diem, expert witnesses (if approved), and the cost for supplies and other miscellaneous expenses. This bill does not include an appropriation to cover these costs.

The estimated additional operating budget table above characterizes the costs of creating the committee as ‘minimal’. This is because the LCS has paid the costs of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee for the past two fiscal years. Presumably, enactment of HB 175 would result in the discontinuation of the subcommittee so that LCS funds previously directed to the subcommittee could be used to support the operations of the newly-created Transportation Committee.

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