

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB872

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** McWaters

**3. Committee:** Finance

**4. Title:** Assignment of general fund balance; Transportation Trust Fund.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would increase the portion of the general fund surplus remaining at the end of each fiscal year that is deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Currently, two-thirds of the general fund surplus is deposited to the TTF and one-third is designated for nonrecurring expenditures, after deposits are made to the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Water Quality Improvement Fund and other statutorily mandated commitments are met. The proposed legislation would increase the amount to the TTF to 75 percent, with the remaining 25 percent dedicated to nonrecurring expenditures.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Legislation passed during the 2012 session of the General Assembly amended the definition of nonrecurring expenditures, which previously had prohibited usage for transportation expenditures. Under the current Code provisions, two-thirds of the surplus remaining after mandated commitments must be deposited to the TTF, while the remaining one-third may be used for transportation purposes at the Governor's prerogative. The proposed legislation would require the Governor to deposit in the TTF at least 75 percent.

The amount of general fund surplus funding remaining after mandated commitments fluctuates each fiscal year. In FY2012, \$67.2 million was deposited into a subfund of the TTF, while in FY2013, no surplus funding was available for deposit to the TTF after the mandated commitments were met.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Transportation,  
Department of Accounts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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