

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

detailing public and private funding and funded projects. Because the bill provides that grants from the Fund may be used for administration and personnel expenses related to the purposes of the Fund, it is anticipated that no additional resources will be needed for administration.

The bill directs TAX to collect voluntary contributions of income tax refunds for the Fund. TAX anticipates that the appropriate forms and systems can be updated within existing resources.

The bill directs the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to make customers aware of the Fund when conducting an electronic transaction and to provide a method for individuals to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund. According to the agency, one-time information technology costs are anticipated to update transaction software, with an estimated cost of \$187,029. Because the changes need to be in place by July 1, 2026, expenses will be incurred in FY 2026. DMV anticipates that these costs can be absorbed within existing resources.

Other: The bill includes potentially contradictory language, both limiting money in the Fund to “providing grants for projects that conserve or enhance wildlife corridors prioritized by the Plan and associated wildlife crossing infrastructure projects,” (lines 30-31) and providing for “administration and personnel expenses related to the purposes of the Fund” (lines 47-48). It is assumed that a portion of the Fund may be used for administration of the Fund. If not, additional resources for DWR may be required.