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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE	E: Rural Transit	Assistance Program	SB	
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$83.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

State Highway and Transportation Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 531 appropriates \$83.0 from the general fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department for FY04 to be used to match existing federal funds for the rural transit assistance program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 531 appropriates \$83.0 from the general fund to the State Highway and Transportation Department for FY04 to be used to match federal funds for rural transit assistance program. Any unencumbered or unexpended balances at the end of FY04 will revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The State Highway and Transportation Department currently receives an \$83.0 federal grant used to fund a transit association, and this program does not require state matching funds. The department does need the \$83.0 contained in the bill for training. The language on line 19 of the bill requires that the \$83.0 appropriation be used to match existing federal funds; the Highway Department says this requirement could limit their ability to use these funds.

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