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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to provide funds necessary for
4 the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of selected
5 projects or improvements that are identified as connecting Washington
6 projects or improvements in an omnibus transportation appropriations
7 act, there shall be issued and sold upon the request of the
8 department of transportation a total of five billion three hundred
9 million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of
10 Washington.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Upon the request of the department of
12 transportation, as appropriate, the state finance committee shall
13 supervise and provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of the
14 bonds in this act in accordance with chapter 39.42 RCW. Bonds
15 authorized by this act shall be sold in the manner, at time or times,
16 in amounts, and at the price as the state finance committee shall
17 determine. No bonds may be offered for sale without prior legislative
18 appropriation of the net proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

19 The state finance committee shall consider the issuance of short-
20 term obligations in lieu of long-term obligations for the purposes of
21 more favorable interest rates, lower total interest costs, and
22 increased marketability and for the purpose of retiring the bonds
23 during the life of the project for which they were issued.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The proceeds from the sale of bonds
25 authorized by section 1 of this act shall be deposited in the
26 connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund. The proceeds
27 shall be available only for the purposes enumerated in section 1 of
28 this act, for the payment of bond anticipation notes, if any, and for
29 the payment of bond issuance costs, including the costs of
30 underwriting.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Bonds issued under the authority of this
2 section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act shall
3 distinctly state that they are a general obligation of the state of
4 Washington, shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state to
5 the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon, and
6 shall contain an unconditional promise to pay such principal and
7 interest as the same shall become due. The principal and interest on
8 the bonds shall be first payable in the manner provided in this
9 section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act from the
10 proceeds of the state excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels
11 imposed by chapters 82.36 and 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees
12 imposed under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor
13 vehicles required to be used for highway purposes. Proceeds of these
14 excise taxes and vehicle-related fees are hereby pledged to the
15 payment of any bonds and the interest thereon issued under the
16 authority of this section and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this
17 act, and the legislature agrees to continue to impose these excise
18 taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels and vehicle-related fees in
19 amounts from such sources sufficient to pay, when due, the principal
20 and interest on all bonds issued under the authority of this section
21 and sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) Both principal and interest on the
23 bonds issued for the purposes of this section and sections 1 through
24 4 and 6 of this act shall be payable from the highway bond retirement
25 fund. The state finance committee may provide that a special account
26 be created in the fund to facilitate payment of the principal and
27 interest. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th
28 of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount required for
29 principal and interest on the bonds in accordance with the bond
30 proceedings. The state treasurer shall withdraw revenues from the
31 connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund and deposit
32 in the highway bond retirement fund, or a special account in the
33 fund, such amounts, and at such times, as are required by the bond
34 proceedings.

35 (2)(a) Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the
36 bonds authorized by this section and sections 1 through 4 and 6 of
37 this act shall be taken from that portion of the motor vehicle fund
38 that results from the imposition of excise taxes on motor vehicle and

1 special fuels and vehicle-related fees, and that is distributed to
2 the connecting Washington account in the motor vehicle fund.

3 (b) Funds required shall never constitute a charge against any
4 other allocations of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel tax and
5 vehicle-related fee revenues to the state, counties, cities, and
6 towns unless the amount arising from excise taxes on motor vehicle
7 and special fuels and vehicle-related fees distributed to the
8 connecting Washington account described in (a) of this subsection
9 proves insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or
10 interest on any such bonds.

11 (c) Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds
12 taken from other revenues from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel
13 taxes and vehicle-related fees that are distributable to the state,
14 counties, cities, and towns shall be repaid from the first revenues
15 from the motor vehicle fuel or special fuel taxes and vehicle-related
16 fees distributed to the connecting Washington account described in
17 (a) of this subsection not required for bond retirement or interest
18 on the bonds.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Bonds issued under the authority of
20 sections 1 through 5 of this act and this section and any other
21 general obligation bonds of the state of Washington that have been or
22 that may be authorized and that pledge motor vehicle and special
23 fuels excise taxes and vehicle-related fees for the payment of
24 principal and interest thereon shall be an equal charge against the
25 revenues from such motor vehicle and special fuels excise taxes and
26 vehicle-related fees.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** For purposes of sections 1 through 6 of
28 this act, "vehicle-related fees" means vehicle-related fees imposed
29 under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor vehicles
30 required to be used for highway purposes.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 4 (section 4 of
32 this act) are each amended to read as follows:

33 Bonds issued under the authority of this section and RCW
34 47.10.--- through 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1
35 through 3, 5, and 6 of this act) shall distinctly state that they are
36 a general obligation of the state of Washington, shall pledge the
37 full faith and credit of the state to the payment of the principal

1 thereof and the interest thereon, and shall contain an unconditional
2 promise to pay such principal and interest as the same shall become
3 due. The principal and interest on the bonds shall be first payable
4 in the manner provided in this section and RCW 47.10.--- through
5 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6
6 of this act) from the proceeds of the state excise taxes on (~~motor~~
7 ~~vehicle and special~~) fuel((s)) imposed by chapter(~~s~~ 82.36 and)
8 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW that
9 constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for
10 highway purposes. Proceeds of these excise taxes and vehicle-related
11 fees are hereby pledged to the payment of any bonds and the interest
12 thereon issued under the authority of this section and RCW 47.10.---
13 through 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5,
14 and 6 of this act), and the legislature agrees to continue to impose
15 these excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle and special~~) fuel((s)) and
16 vehicle-related fees in amounts from such sources sufficient to pay,
17 when due, the principal and interest on all bonds issued under the
18 authority of this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.---,
19 47.10.---, and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of this
20 act).

21 **Sec. 9.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 5 (section 5 of
22 this act) are each amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Both principal and interest on the bonds issued for the
24 purposes of this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.--- and
25 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act) shall be payable
26 from the highway bond retirement fund. The state finance committee
27 may provide that a special account be created in the fund to
28 facilitate payment of the principal and interest. The state finance
29 committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the
30 state treasurer the amount required for principal and interest on the
31 bonds in accordance with the bond proceedings. The state treasurer
32 shall withdraw revenues from the connecting Washington account in the
33 motor vehicle fund and deposit in the highway bond retirement fund,
34 or a special account in the fund, such amounts, and at such times, as
35 are required by the bond proceedings.

36 (2)(a) Any funds required for bond retirement or interest on the
37 bonds authorized by this section and RCW 47.10.--- through 47.10.---
38 and 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act) shall be taken
39 from that portion of the motor vehicle fund that results from the

1 imposition of excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle and special~~) fuel(~~(s)~~)
2 and vehicle-related fees, and that is distributed to the connecting
3 Washington account in the motor vehicle fund.

4 (b) Funds required shall never constitute a charge against any
5 other allocations of (~~motor vehicle fuel and special~~) fuel tax and
6 vehicle-related fee revenues to the state, counties, cities, and
7 towns unless the amount arising from excise taxes on (~~motor vehicle
8 and special~~) fuel(~~(s)~~) and vehicle-related fees distributed to the
9 connecting Washington account described in (a) of this subsection
10 proves insufficient to meet the requirements for bond retirement or
11 interest on any such bonds.

12 (c) Any payments for bond retirement or interest on the bonds
13 taken from other revenues from the (~~motor vehicle fuel or special~~)
14 fuel taxes and vehicle-related fees that are distributable to the
15 state, counties, cities, and towns shall be repaid from the first
16 revenues from the (~~motor vehicle fuel or special~~) fuel taxes and
17 vehicle-related fees distributed to the connecting Washington account
18 described in (a) of this subsection not required for bond retirement
19 or interest on the bonds.

20 **Sec. 10.** RCW 47.10.--- and 2015 3rd sp.s. c ... s 6 (section 6
21 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:

22 Bonds issued under the authority of RCW 47.10.--- through
23 47.10.--- (sections 1 through 5 of this act) and this section and any
24 other general obligation bonds of the state of Washington that have
25 been or that may be authorized and that pledge (~~motor vehicle and
26 special~~) fuel(~~(s)~~) excise taxes and vehicle-related fees for the
27 payment of principal and interest thereon shall be an equal charge
28 against the revenues from such (~~motor vehicle and special~~)
29 fuel(~~(s)~~) excise taxes and vehicle-related fees.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act are each
31 added to chapter 47.10 RCW.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Except for sections 8 through 10 of this
33 act, this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the
34 public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government
35 and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Sections 4 through 6 of this act expire
2 July 1, 2016.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 8 through 10 of this act take
4 effect July 1, 2016."

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5 On page 1, after line 1 of the title, strike the remainder of the
6 title and insert "amending RCW 47.10.---, 47.10.---, and 47.10.---;
7 adding new sections to chapter 47.10 RCW; providing an effective
8 date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Defines "vehicle-related fees," for the purposes of pledging the repayment of principal and interest on bonds issued to pay for connecting Washington transportation projects, as vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for highway purposes. Makes additional technical changes.

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