

SB 155-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***155-FN***

AN ACT relative to highway toll credits.

SPONSORS: Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7;
Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Rep. Lane, Merr. 16; Rep. Wallner,
Merr. 19; Rep. Bricchi, Merr. 15; Rep. Hicks, Merr. 24

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the use of toll credits as a match for federal highway funds for certain projects, including municipal, county, and non-profit projects, while requiring legislative approval for other uses.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Administration of Transportation Laws; Use of Toll Credits. Amend RSA 228:12-a to read as
2 follows:

3 228:12-a Use of Toll Credits. The department may use toll credits as a match for federal
4 highway funds solely for the funding of highway and road projects, projects concerning the travel of
5 motor vehicles on such highways and roads, and the completion of the project development phase of
6 the project named Nashua-Manchester-Concord, project number 40818, in the 2019-2028 Ten Year
7 Transportation Improvement Plan. ***Any municipal, county, or non-profit managed project***
8 ***eligible for assistance under Title 23 may use toll credits as a match for any such***
9 ***assistance, where it is allowed by the federal government, without department or***
10 ***legislative approval.*** Any other use of toll credits shall require approval of the joint legislative
11 capital project overview committee, established in RSA 17-J:1, prior to moving the project forward
12 for approval in the state 10-year transportation improvement program.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**SB 155-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable - See Methodology Below		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Federal Funds			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable - See Methodology Below		
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable - See Methodology Below		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill would allow municipalities, counties, and non-profits to use turnpike toll credits as their match when their transportation project is federally funded. The Department of Transportation states that typically, federally funded municipal projects are 80% federal funds and 20% municipal funds, and annually, the 20% municipal match amounts to approximately \$20,000,000. The Department states that turnpike toll credit matches, in lieu of municipal matches, would utilize 100% federal funds, thereby reducing available federal funds which could be applied to additional projects. Therefore, this bill could result in a reduction in turnpike toll credit balance of \$20,000,000 annually, and an increased use of federal funds by the same amount, thereby reducing available federal funds for either municipal or state federally funded projects by the same amount.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Transportation