

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB61

Bill Subtitle: TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY FINANCE.

Basic Change :

Senator B. Sample

The proposal would create a legislative committee to be known as the "Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance" with the intent of determining adequate financing for present and future needs of state highways, county roads, and city streets. The Committee would propose and recommend legislation for the 2017 Regular Session.

Membership of the Blue Ribbon Committee would include ten Arkansas citizens with knowledge of Arkansas transportation, logistics, finance, business, industry, civil engineering and economic development; one elected city official and one elected county official; a member of the State Highway Commission; the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Revenue and Taxation; the co-chairs of the Joint Budget Committee; the chair of the House Committee on Public Transportation; and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs. The Committee membership appointments shall be made within six weeks after the effective date of the act. The proposal includes an emergency clause and would be effective upon approval by the Governor.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

None

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None

Legal Analysis :

SB61 is an Act to create the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance. This is a legislative committee that will be composed of elected officials as well as residents of the state knowledgeable in specific areas such as transportation, logistics, finance, business, industry, civil engineering, or economic development.

This committee will expire January 1, 2017. This bill contains an emergency clause providing an effective date as the date of its approval by the Governor.