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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Jones; Lundberg
Rep. Foote; McKean

Bill Status: Senate Local Government
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BILL TOPIC: DISASTER EMERGENCY TRANSFERS FROM COUNTY GEN FUNDS

Summary of Legislation

This bill extends the ability of a board of county commissioners to transfer county General Fund money to its county Road and Bridge Fund from four years to eight years after the Governor declares a disaster emergency in the county.

Background

Several counties maintain emergency reserves within their General Fund; however, under current law counties can only use this money for road construction and repairs for four years after the governor declares an emergency in the county. In counties that do not have a declared disaster emergency, county General Fund revenue cannot be used for road construction. Counties have a dedicated Road and Bridge Fund that receives revenue from the road and bridge mill levy, the county share of the Highway Users Tax Fund, and federal funds.

Following the 2013 floods, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 14-007, allowing a county government to transfer General Fund money including emergency reserves into its Road and Bridge Fund for four years following a declared disaster emergency. County General Fund transfers into the county Road and Bridge Fund must be used for road and bridge repairs following a disaster.

Local Government Impact

This bill allows county governments to transfer General Fund money into its Road and Bridge Fund for up to eight years following a declared disaster emergency. Transfers from the county General Fund to the county Road and Bridge Fund may allow a county to complete a road or bridge project more quickly and may reduce the money available for other general government purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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