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**BILL 6**

LLS NO. 23-0104.01 Pierce Lively x2059

**INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**Transportation Legislation Review Committee**

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**BILL TOPIC: "Off-site Bridge Program Funding"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE**  
102 **HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL**  
103 **FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S**  
104 **OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Transportation Legislation Review Committee.** The bill transfers \$5 million from the general fund to the state highway fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for the department of

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

transportation's off-system bridge program.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4           (a) There are currently 8,917 bridges in Colorado, of which 3,469  
5 are owned by the state, 3,176 are owned by counties, and 1,733 are owned  
6 by municipalities;

7           (b) Of the 5,202 bridges owned and maintained by local  
8 governments, over 3,000 are in either fair or poor condition and therefore  
9 eligible for grant assistance under the off-system bridge program;

10           (c) Deteriorating bridge infrastructure presents a safety hazard to  
11 the traveling public and can compromise the timely transport of food and  
12 other goods across the state;

13           (d) The off-system bridge program is a competitive local  
14 government grant program administered by the special highway  
15 committee and the Colorado department of transportation, with funding  
16 comprised of federal and state pass-through dollars, designed to assist  
17 local governments in maintaining, repairing, or replacing local off-system  
18 bridges;

19           (e) Current funding for the off-system bridge program is  
20 insufficient to address the need of the thousands of local bridges in need  
21 of repair or replacement around the state; and

22           (f) Additional funding should be made available to the off-system  
23 bridge program to assist local governments and thereby increase public  
24 safety and ensure the timely transport of food and other goods.

25           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-219, **add** (8)

1 as follows:

2 **24-75-219. Transfers - transportation - capital construction -**  
3 **definitions - repeal.** (8) (a) ON JULY 1, 2023, OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
4 THEREAFTER, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FIVE MILLION  
5 DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND FOR  
6 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF TRANSPORTATION'S OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM.

8 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

9 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.