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HB-7057

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF SOUND
BARRIERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Transportation, Dept.	TF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop a schedule and fund the construction of certain noise barriers. According to DOT, the bill's requirements include funding noise barriers at 37 locations at a cost of more than \$320 million over a 15-20 year period. Of the total cost, DOT expects the state portion to be at least \$83 million, with the remaining costs eligible for federal reimbursement. The bill's noise barrier projects are not included in the department's current capital plan.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the timing of the noise barrier construction projects over the next 15-20 years. To the extent the state's costs are financed using bonded dollars, the long-term cost would increase due to interest costs and be spread out for up to 20 years after the final barrier was installed.