
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5501

AN ACT EXPANDING PERMISSIBLE USES FOR TOWN AID ROAD GRANT FUNDS.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the purposes for which municipalities may use Town Aid Road (TAR) grants, allowing them to buy certain equipment.

Existing law allows towns to use these grants to do specified work, which includes building and maintaining highways and bridges. Under the bill, towns may also use TAR grant funds to buy and maintain equipment to do that work, such as equipment for street sweeping, roadside mowing, vegetation management, snow and ice removal, and cleaning catch basins.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the Office of Policy and Management secretary may approve a town's request to use grant funds for other purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/13/2026)