

HB 857 -- Toll Roads

Sponsor: Black

This bill enables the Highways and Transportation Commission to fund, construct, and operate toll roads, toll bridges, and other toll facilities connected with toll roads and bridges. It is contingent upon the approval of a constitutional amendment authorizing the commission to fund, construct, and operate toll facilities.

The bill creates a State Toll Facility Fund which will stand appropriated for the purpose of receiving and expending funds in connection with the operation of toll facilities.

The commission is authorized to issue revenue bonds, establish bonding procedures, establish separate reserve funds and escrow accounts, and transfer moneys between various funds for the operation of toll facilities.

The bill establishes procedures and methods for toll collection, enforcement, and penalties and fines for nonpayment of tolls.

Several specific highway and bridge projects are authorized in the bill for state toll facility projects. The commission will be allowed to construct toll facility projects using the design-build project delivery system.

A toll facility may be designated by the commission as a part of the national highway system for purposes of outdoor advertising and junkyard control.