

**County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM)
LEGISLATIVE TABLE
for 2013-2014 Legislative Session**

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**More expansive descriptions of these bills, prepared by Ed Noyola, CRAM Deputy Director, are available by contacting Cindy Reisig, CRAM office, 517-482-1189, ext 418; creisig@localroads.net. Talking Points are also available for some bills.

MVC=Motor Vehicle Code; MTF=Michigan Transportation Fund

Bill/Act# Sponsor Date Intro.	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	CRAM's POSITION
SJR A Walker R-G. Traverse 1/16/13	SALES TAX INCREASE - Proposes a joint resolution to amend the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 8 of article IX to increase the sales tax rate and revise the distribution to dedicate the new revenue to the MTF.	Appropriations	Neutral-until it can determine how this concept will impact ongoing discussions to increase transportation funding through the current funding mechanisms and any other options being discussed. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i>
SJR J Richardville R-Monroe 1/30/13	TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE INTRODUCED 2% SALES AND USE TAX INCREASE - Amends the Michigan Constitution of 1963, by amending section 8 of article IX which would increase the sales tax and use tax by two percent. SB 84/85 are companion bills to secure the new sales tax as a replacement for current fuel taxes. This would be an alternative that could be put before the voters after current user fees are increased.	Appropriations	Support - Contingent on fuel tax and vehicle registration fee increases first. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i>
SB 6 Proos R-St. Joseph 1/16/13	EXTEND EARMARK OF SALES TAXES ON MOTOR FUELS- Amends the Sales Tax Act to extend the earmark of a portion of the sales tax on motor fuels to help match federal highway funds.	Appropriations	Support-Increased current user fees (fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees) will remain the main priority. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i>
SB 13 Walker R-G. Traverse 1/16/13	ELIMINATE MOTOR CARRIER DIESEL FUEL TAX- Amends the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act by repealing the motor carrier (diesel) fuel tax. This bill is tie-barred to SJR A and identical to SB 714 of the 2011-12 legislative session.	Appropriation	Neutral-Until it can determine how this concept will impact ongoing discussions to increase transportation funding through the current funding mechanisms. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i>

<p>SB 14 Walker R-G. Traverse 1/16/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE MOTOR FUEL TAX -Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Act by repealing the motor fuel (gasoline) tax. This bill is tie-barred to SJR A and identical to SB 715 of the 2011-12 legislative session.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Neutral-Until it can be determined how this concept will impact ongoing discussions to increase transportation funding through the current funding mechanisms. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 72 Booher R-Osceola 1/24/13</p>	<p>SLEEPING BEAR DUNES PLATES - Amend the MVC by creating a fundraising registration plate for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. This bill requires the necessary start-up revenue for fabricating and issuance of the new plate.</p>	<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 84 Casperson R-Delta 1/30/13</p>	<p>RECREATION IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT - Amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by authorizing the recreation improvement account to receive a portion of the new 2 percent sales tax dedicated for transportation purposes.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support - Contingent on fuel tax and vehicle registration fee increases first. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 85 Pappageorge R-Oakland 1/30/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE MOTOR GASOLINE FUEL TAX - Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Act by repealing the motor fuel (gasoline) tax.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support - Contingent on fuel tax and vehicle registration fee increases first. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 86 Pappageorge R-Oakland 1/30/13</p>	<p>MODIFY TRAILER PLATE FEES - Amends the MVC by modifying the vehicle registration fees to generate additional revenue. This legislation would make substantial changes to the license plate fees for trailers.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Neutral - Until additional details are available <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 87 Kahn R-Saginaw 1/30/13</p>	<p>MODIFY MOTOR FUEL TAX - Amends the Motor Fuel Tax Act implementing a wholesale tax on fuel wholesalers. This legislation converts the current cents per gallon fuel tax structure to a percent of wholesale. As with the sales tax on fuel, the percentage is converted to a cents per gallon formula for easier administration.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 88 Kahn R-Saginaw 1/30/13</p>	<p>INCREASE REGISTRATION FEES - Amends the MVC modifying the vehicle registration fees to generate additional revenue. Under this legislation, registration taxes would increase for most passenger vehicles (ad valorem rates) nearly 80 percent across the board. Weight-based fees for commercial trucks would increase 45 percent. Non-profit, municipal, state, and other special-plate vehicle registrations would increase from \$10 to \$25. This legislation does not make changes to trailer plates and is expected to generate approximately \$650 million in new revenue.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>

<p>SB 147 Kahn R-Saginaw 2/5/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX - Amends the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act by repealing the diesel tax. This bill is tie-barred to SJR J and is similar to SB 13.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support - This bill is consistent with CRAM's overall goal to not only replace but increase fuel tax revenues and vehicle registration fees. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 148 Kahn R-Saginaw 2/5/13</p>	<p>MODIFY MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX - Amend the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act by eliminating references to the flat tax rate on diesel fuel, as described in SB 147, identifying the Motor Fuel Tax act as the new authorization legislation for diesel fuel taxes and establishing an 18-month limitation period for filing diesel fuel refund claims.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support - This bill is consistent with CRAM's overall goal to not only replace but increase fuel tax revenues and vehicle registration fees. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 149 Kahn R-Saginaw 2/5/13</p>	<p>MODIFY MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND DEPOSIT & DISTRIBUTION- Amends the MTF by providing for the deposit of sales tax revenue, and modifying the distribution formula by allowing a \$170 million set aside for a new capital improvement program. The new capital improvement program has been a major issue for certain legislators. While CRAM does not support this set aside, it may be being used to garner support from those legislators wishing to promote major highway projects. While the language says "highway projects" that could change.</p>	<p>Appropriations</p>	<p>Support for the concept. Any new program should be carefully scrutinized. <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 157 Meekhof R-Ottawa 2/6/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE PREVAILING WAGES - Eliminates the requirements of paying prevailing wages on state projects.</p>	<p>Government Operations</p>	<p>Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 158 Meekhof R-Ottawa 2/6/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE HOURS AND WAGES - Amends P.A. 338 of 1974 by eliminating hours and wages referencing the prevailing wage law.</p>	<p>Government Operations</p>	<p>Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 159 Meekhof R-Ottawa 2/6/13</p>	<p>ELIMINATE HOURS AND WAGES - Amends P.A. 45 of 1976 by eliminating hours and wages referencing the prevailing wage law.</p>	<p>Government Operations</p>	<p>Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>
<p>SB 163 Green R-Tuscola 2/6/13</p>	<p>REVISE WETLAND PERMIT EXEMPTIONS - Amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by revising the permit exemptions for wetlands and inland lakes and streams, and requiring more information from the Department justifying denial of any Part-13 permits.</p>	<p>Natural Resources, Environment & Great Lakes</p>	<p>Support <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred 2/14/13</i></p>

SB 184 Pappageorge R-Oakland 2/13/13	2013-14 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET - Provides an FY 2013-14 zero appropriation budget for transportation.	Appropriations	CRAM Has No Formal Position See Legislative Update 2/15/13
HB 4028 Geiss D-Wayne 1/22/13	LOCAL TRANSIT FUNDING OPTION - Creates an optional county registration fee to benefit public transit. Uncertain how this bill fits in with the other local option proposed legislation and the additional transportation funding package.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
HB 4048 Kowall R-Oakland 1/22/13	GRAVEL ROAD SPEED LIMITS -Amends the MVC by reestablishing speed limits on certain gravel and dirt roads.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Oppose <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
HB 4093 LaFontaine R-Macomb 1/23/13	REMOVE SUNSET ON .08 BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL - Amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to remove the sunset date and maintain the .08 blood-alcohol content as the drunk driving standard in Michigan.	Criminal Justice 2/20/13 Ref. For 2 nd Reading with Sub H-1	Support <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
HB 4101 Faris D-Genesee 1/24/13	GIRL SCOUT LICENSE PLATES - Amends the MVC by creating a Girl Scouts of America fundraising license plate. This bill requires the necessary start-up revenue for fabricating and issuance of the new plate.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
HB 4193 Franz R-Manistee 2/6/13	SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE LICENSE PLATE - Amends the MVC by creating a fundraising registration plate for Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Identical to SB 72. This bill requires the necessary start-up revenue for fabricating and issuance of the new plate.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Neutral <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
HB 4226 VerHeulen R-Oakland 2/12/13	2013-14 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET - Provides an FY 2013-14 zero appropriation budget for transportation.	Appropriations	CRAM Has No Formal Position See Legislative Update 2/15/13
HB 4241 Goike R-Macomb 2/12/13	FROST LAW EXEMPTION FOR SEPTIC HAULERS - Amends the MVC by creating an exception for septic waste vehicles performing emergency work from penalties for exceeding weight restrictions.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Opposed <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13

HB 4251 Cotter R-Isabella 2/13/13	COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR TOWNSHIPS - Amends the County Road Law by providing specific requirements for competitive bidding by county road agencies on certain projects which include township revenue.	Transportation & Infrastructure	Opposed <i>GPC Approved and Board concurred</i> 2/14/13
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