

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 267

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO FUNDING POLICIES; AMENDING SECTION 40-719, IDAHO CODE, TO EX-  
2 TEND THE EFFECTIVITY OF SPECIFIED PROVISIONS OF LAW; AMENDING SECTION  
3 17, CHAPTER 341, LAWS OF 2015, TO REVISE A SUNSET CLAUSE AND TO REVISE  
4 EFFECTIVE DATES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 40-719, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 40-719. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES PROGRAM. (1) The Idaho transportation  
10 department shall establish and maintain a strategic initiatives program.  
11 The purpose of the program is to fund transportation projects that are pro-  
12 posed by the department's six (6) districts. Proposed projects shall com-  
13 pete for strategic initiative program selection and funding on a statewide  
14 basis based on an analysis of their return on investment in the following  
15 categories:

16 (a) Safety, including the projected reduction of crashes, injuries and  
17 fatalities;

18 (b) Mobility, including projected traffic-flow improvements for  
19 freight and passenger cars;

20 (c) Economic opportunity, including the projected cost-benefit ratio  
21 for users and businesses;

22 (d) The repair and maintenance of bridges; and

23 (e) The purchase of public rights-of-way.

24 (2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the strategic  
25 initiatives program fund to which shall be deposited:

26 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-814, Idaho Code, the  
27 provisions of this paragraph shall only be in effect from the effective  
28 date of this act through May 31, 2017~~22~~. The state controller shall  
29 transfer fifty percent (50%) of any excess cash balance from the gen-  
30 eral fund to the strategic initiatives program fund upon the financial  
31 close of the current fiscal year subject to the following criteria:  
32 When calculating any excess cash balance the state controller shall  
33 first provide for the ending balance as determined by the legislative  
34 record to be carried over into the next fiscal year, plus an amount suf-  
35 ficient to cover encumbrances as approved by the division of financial  
36 management, and an amount sufficient to cover any reappropriation as  
37 authorized by the legislature.

38 (b) Any other appropriated moneys for funding of the strategic initia-  
39 tives program.

40 Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid  
41 to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be used for funding the strategic  
42 initiatives program.

1 SECTION 2. That Section 17, Chapter 341, Laws of 2015, be, and the same  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 SECTION 17. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is  
4 hereby declared to exist, Sections 6 and 7 of this act shall be in  
5 full force and effect on and after passage and approval. Sections  
6 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this act shall be in  
7 full force and effect on and after July 1, 2015. Section 7 of this  
8 act shall be null, void and of no force and effect on and after May  
9 31, 201~~7~~22. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall be in full force and  
10 effect on and after May 31, 201~~7~~22.

11 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
12 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
13 passage and approval.