

HB 1277 -- Highway Infrastructure Improvement Agreements

Sponsor: Long

This bill allows the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission within the Department of Transportation to enter into binding highway infrastructure improvement agreements with a county, political subdivision, or private entity for the construction or improvement of state highway infrastructure. An agreement may provide for the assignment of the commission's reimbursement or repayment obligations in order to facilitate the funding of the improvements. The funds advanced must be repaid by the commission from the State Road Fund in a manner, time period, and interest rate agreed to by the respective parties. The commission may condition the reimbursement or repayment of the advanced funds upon projected highway revenues only if it is explicitly stated in the terms of the contract. The contract must provide for a date or dates certain for the repayment of funds and the commission may delay repayment of the advanced funds if highway revenues fall below the projections used to determine the repayment schedule, or if repayment would jeopardize the receipt of federal highway moneys, only if terms of the contract state such a condition and the contract provides for a date or dates certain for repayment of funds.

These provisions cannot be construed to authorize the construction, maintenance, reconstruction, or operation of toll roads or toll facilities and specifies that the commission must not fund, design, acquire, construct, maintain, reconstruct, or operate toll roads or toll facilities in this state.