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Under the 2015 Bond Act**

**VEHICLE-RELATED FEES TO BE PLEDGED TO BONDS UNDER THE  
2015 BOND ACT  
NOVEMBER 2021 FORECAST  
FISCAL YEARS 2020 – 2031**

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**Security for the Bonds authorized by the Connecting Washington Bond Act Chapter 45, Laws of 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sp. Sess.  
(ESSB 5989)**

Chapter 45, Laws of 2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sp. Sess. (the Connecting Washington Bond Act, ESSB 5989) authorizes the issuance and sale of up to \$5.3 billion general obligation bonds to provide funds for transportation improvements. The Connecting Washington Bond Act broadens the pledge supporting the bonds as follows:

- The bonds are general obligations of the State to which the State pledges its full faith and credit;
- The principal and interest on the Bonds are first payable from the proceeds of the state excise taxes on fuel imposed by Chapter 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW that constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for highway purposes;
- The proceeds of such excise taxes on fuel and vehicle-related fees are pledged to the payment of the principal and interest; and
- The Legislature has agreed to continue to impose such excise taxes on fuel and vehicle-related fees in amount sufficient to pay when due the principal and interest on all bonds issued under the authority of the Connecting Washington Bond Act.

An interagency work group convened in 2016 by the Office of the State Treasurer reviewed license fees for motor vehicles imposed under Title 46 to determine which would be pledged to the Bonds in addition to the state excise taxes on fuels.

*“License fee”* means a fee collected for the right to use a vehicle on public highways, including vehicle registration fees such as license fees by vehicle type, license fees by weight, license plate fees for motor vehicles, electric vehicle registration and renewal fees, capacity fees, tonnage fees, trip and special permit fees and other fees imposed as a condition of registration and operation of a vehicle on public highways. License fees do not include administrative processing fees, inspection fees, vehicle operator’s license fees, excise taxes imposed in lieu of property taxes, or fees for certificates of ownership of motor vehicles.

*“Motor vehicles”* definition excludes trailers since they are not self-propelled.

*“Used for highway purposes”* means it is deposited in the Motor vehicle fund and used for highway purposes within the meaning of Article II, Section 40 of the State Constitution.

Attached Table 1 provides additional detail on the individual vehicle-related fees to be pledged to the Bonds.

**Table 1 "Vehicle-Related Fees" to be Pledged to Bonds  
Under the 2015 Bond Act  
As of November 2, 2016**

"Existing Fees Imposed under Title 46 RCW which are "Vehicle-Related Fees" pledged to Bonds  
to be Issued Under Chapter 45, Laws of 2015, 3rd Sp. Sess.  
(Senate Bill 5989) ("2015 Bond Act")"

The 2015 Bond Act pledges: "State excise taxes on fuel imposed by chapter 82.38 RCW and vehicle-related fees imposed under Title 46 RCW  
that constitute license fees for motor vehicles required to be used for highway purposes."

<b>Vehicle-Related Fees</b>	<b>Authorizing Statute<sup>1</sup></b>
Basic License Fee	46.17.350(1); 46.17.400(1)(d); 46.17.400(1)(a), 46.16A.305 <sup>2</sup> ;46.17.400(1)(b) <sup>2</sup>
Original License Plate Fee	46.17.200(1)(a)
Reflectivity License Plate Fee	46.17.200(1)(a)
Replacement License Fee	46.17.200(1)(a)
License Plate Transfer Fee	46.17.200(1)(c)
Electric Vehicle Registration Renewal Fee: Electric Vehicle/ Plug in Renewal Fee	46.17.323(1); 46.17.323(4) <sup>2</sup>
Combined License Fees (Trucks) and farm trip permits	46.17.355(1)(b); 46.17.325, 46.16A.420; 46.17.330; 46.17.355(7); 46.16A.330
Freight Project Fee: Vehicles with gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds	46.17.355(6)
Capacity Fees	46.17.335(2); 46.17.340
Monthly Gross Weight Fee (Tonnage Fee)	46.17.360;
Trip Permit Fee	46.17.400(1)(c), 46.17.400(1)(h) <sup>2</sup> , 46.16A.320 <sup>2</sup> ; 46.17.400(1)(b), 46.17.400(1)(f), 82.38.100
Temporary Permit Fee	46.16A.300;
On-Road ATVs: Vehicle License Fee	46.17.350(1)(r)
Special Permit Fees	46.44.0941; 46.44.047; 46.44.095

<sup>1</sup> Title 46 RCW also includes certain categories of fees that are not eligible to be pledged under the 2015 Bond Act, including: a) fees relating to trailers: basic license fee, license plate fees, and the combined license fees for commercial trailers; b) filing and service Fees; c) certificate of title fees; and d) some "other" fees imposed under Title 46 RCW, including but not limited to parking rental fee, off road vehicle dealer license fee, studded tire fee, driving record fee, and tow truck operator license.

<sup>2</sup> A portion of these fees are "Vehicle-Related Fees" pledged to Bonds.

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Table H.1. Fuel Tax and Pledged Vehicle & Plate Related License Fees ONLY

November 2021

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Fuel Tax Distributions												
Adjusted Gross Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax	1,583,738,816	1,469,549,600	1,578,190,100	1,607,694,300	1,632,901,100	1,651,122,700	1,666,451,500	1,682,129,200	1,697,632,600	1,713,327,100	1,729,158,900	1,745,788,700
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees</b>												
Registration Fees	\$ 378,385,338	\$ 495,191,184	\$ 446,749,292	\$ 483,564,738	\$ 495,069,148	\$ 504,858,756	\$ 513,576,278	\$ 519,802,467	\$ 524,779,284	\$ 529,184,918	\$ 533,469,643	\$ 538,039,526
License Plate Fees	\$ 31,868,138	\$ 36,100,359	\$ 33,647,410	\$ 35,122,100	\$ 35,500,180	\$ 35,519,850	\$ 35,321,350	\$ 35,155,820	\$ 34,979,210	\$ 34,806,600	\$ 34,669,310	\$ 34,542,270
Other Vehicle License Fees*	\$ 28,093,638	\$ 29,658,049	\$ 33,851,960	\$ 31,141,135	\$ 33,625,048	\$ 39,590,531	\$ 37,722,213	\$ 39,922,181	\$ 46,705,157	\$ 44,588,708	\$ 47,119,828	\$ 42,841,226
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees</b>	\$ 438,347,115	\$ 560,949,592	\$ 514,248,662	\$ 549,827,973	\$ 564,194,376	\$ 579,969,137	\$ 586,619,841	\$ 594,880,469	\$ 606,463,651	\$ 608,580,226	\$ 615,258,781	\$ 615,423,022
<b>PLEDGED FUEL TAX AND VEHICLE RELATED FEES*</b>	\$ 2,022,085,931	\$ 2,030,499,192	\$ 2,092,438,762	\$ 2,157,522,273	\$ 2,197,095,476	\$ 2,231,091,837	\$ 2,253,071,341	\$ 2,277,009,669	\$ 2,304,096,251	\$ 2,321,907,326	\$ 2,344,417,681	\$ 2,361,211,722
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees - Distributions of Fees</b>												
Motor Vehicle Fund-Fund 108	\$ 218,354,623	\$ 288,774,998	\$ 261,098,893	\$ 279,850,046	\$ 287,999,233	\$ 297,542,724	\$ 299,970,378	\$ 304,194,327	\$ 311,785,712	\$ 312,088,493	\$ 316,023,551	\$ 312,331,213
State Patrol-Fund 081	\$ 174,634,267	\$ 207,445,357	\$ 197,144,092	\$ 208,292,961	\$ 212,930,678	\$ 217,890,075	\$ 221,059,912	\$ 224,493,289	\$ 227,934,330	\$ 229,295,511	\$ 231,612,851	\$ 234,990,233
State Ferries-Fund 109	\$ 8,452,758	\$ 10,304,801	\$ 9,623,653	\$ 10,272,705	\$ 10,502,163	\$ 10,707,548	\$ 10,901,579	\$ 11,061,068	\$ 11,178,995	\$ 11,288,312	\$ 11,396,596	\$ 11,508,632
Transportation 2003 (Nickel) Account-Fund 550	\$ 11,456,903	\$ 16,927,242	\$ 14,416,278	\$ 15,986,328	\$ 16,407,143	\$ 16,739,409	\$ 17,006,906	\$ 17,144,659	\$ 17,279,012	\$ 17,385,375	\$ 17,483,798	\$ 17,597,582
Transportation Partnership Account-Fund 09H	\$ 25,230,564	\$ 37,277,427	\$ 31,747,744	\$ 35,205,332	\$ 36,132,056	\$ 36,863,778	\$ 37,452,863	\$ 37,756,225	\$ 38,052,100	\$ 38,286,333	\$ 38,503,083	\$ 38,753,660
Multiluse Roadway Safety Account - 571	\$ 218,000	\$ 219,765	\$ 218,000	\$ 220,600	\$ 223,100	\$ 225,600	\$ 228,200	\$ 230,900	\$ 233,500	\$ 236,200	\$ 238,900	\$ 241,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 438,347,115	\$ 560,949,590	\$ 514,248,661	\$ 549,827,971	\$ 564,194,374	\$ 579,969,135	\$ 586,619,840	\$ 594,880,467	\$ 606,463,650	\$ 608,580,224	\$ 615,258,779	\$ 615,423,021

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Fuel Tax Distributions												
Adjusted Gross Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax	1,583,738,816	1,466,242,400	1,553,175,000	1,590,981,800	1,614,173,300	1,630,316,500	1,644,414,000	1,658,390,000	1,670,747,800	1,683,443,400	1,696,579,900	1,710,059,600
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees</b>												
Registration Fees	\$ 379,876,609	\$ 467,108,188	\$ 440,587,279	\$ 463,986,088	\$ 471,170,317	\$ 478,519,994	\$ 485,497,740	\$ 489,714,647	\$ 494,379,975	\$ 498,889,154	\$ 498,889,154	\$ 498,889,154
License Plate Fees	\$ 31,868,138	\$ 33,381,620	\$ 33,712,420	\$ 33,977,050	\$ 34,255,940	\$ 34,507,590	\$ 34,700,190	\$ 34,618,780	\$ 34,606,830	\$ 34,689,810	\$ 34,689,810	\$ 34,689,810
Other Vehicle License Fees*	\$ 23,477,428	\$ 28,234,928	\$ 27,833,729	\$ 29,322,243	\$ 31,429,101	\$ 33,592,234	\$ 35,839,873	\$ 37,956,572	\$ 39,952,217	\$ 41,868,389	\$ 41,868,389	\$ 41,868,389
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees</b>	\$ 435,222,176	\$ 528,724,736	\$ 502,133,428	\$ 527,285,381	\$ 536,855,357	\$ 546,619,817	\$ 556,037,803	\$ 562,289,999	\$ 568,939,022	\$ 575,447,353	\$ 575,447,353	\$ 575,447,353
<b>PLEDGED FUEL TAX AND VEHICLE RELATED FEES*</b>	\$ 2,018,960,992	\$ 2,098,322,636	\$ 2,170,042,028	\$ 2,217,953,981	\$ 2,245,518,559	\$ 2,270,500,618	\$ 2,295,277,003	\$ 2,314,918,199	\$ 2,334,134,022	\$ 2,352,314,253	\$ 2,352,314,253	\$ 2,352,314,253
<b>Pledged Vehicle Related Fees - Distributions of Fees</b>												
Motor Vehicle Fund-Fund 108	\$ 215,088,881	\$ 268,220,037	\$ 251,389,770	\$ 265,932,567	\$ 271,453,344	\$ 277,061,825	\$ 282,474,347	\$ 286,081,536	\$ 289,910,146	\$ 293,673,863	\$ 293,673,863	\$ 293,673,863
State Patrol-Fund 081	\$ 174,312,594	\$ 200,764,724	\$ 196,153,180	\$ 202,908,750	\$ 206,049,884	\$ 209,281,630	\$ 212,431,023	\$ 214,637,793	\$ 216,935,960	\$ 219,182,260	\$ 219,182,260	\$ 219,182,260
State Ferries-Fund 109	\$ 8,450,937	\$ 9,900,545	\$ 9,583,334	\$ 9,960,094	\$ 10,114,375	\$ 10,272,881	\$ 10,426,353	\$ 10,530,259	\$ 10,639,946	\$ 10,746,882	\$ 10,746,882	\$ 10,746,882
Transportation 2003 (Nickel) Account-Fund 550	\$ 11,617,235	\$ 15,510,241	\$ 14,000,354	\$ 15,085,486	\$ 15,320,256	\$ 15,588,724	\$ 15,777,510	\$ 15,881,229	\$ 16,009,409	\$ 16,130,943	\$ 16,130,943	\$ 16,130,943
Transportation Partnership Account-Fund 09H	\$ 25,583,649	\$ 34,156,886	\$ 30,831,789	\$ 33,221,483	\$ 33,738,498	\$ 34,263,656	\$ 34,745,469	\$ 34,973,880	\$ 35,256,161	\$ 35,523,804	\$ 35,523,804	\$ 35,523,804
Multiluse Roadway Safety Account - 571	\$ 168,880	\$ 172,300	\$ 175,000	\$ 177,000	\$ 179,000	\$ 181,100	\$ 183,100	\$ 185,300	\$ 187,400	\$ 189,600	\$ 189,600	\$ 189,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 435,222,176	\$ 528,724,734	\$ 502,133,427	\$ 527,285,380	\$ 536,855,357	\$ 546,619,817	\$ 556,037,802	\$ 562,289,997	\$ 568,939,021	\$ 575,447,352	\$ 575,447,352	\$ 575,447,352

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