



House Bill 1485 – Motor Vehicle Collection Tax

Representative Dale DeWitt is carrying House Bill (HB) 1485, which would modify apportionment of the revenue collected under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act to the General Revenue Fund. It makes a 17.24 percent apportionment to counties for constructing and maintaining county highways.

This bill would not impose any increases in tax collections. Rather, it would move 10 percent of the motor vehicle taxes already collected from the general fund to counties' highway funds. Currently, 29.84 percent of these collected funds are going to the general fund; with the passage of this bill, 19.84 percent of these funds would continue to go to the general fund and 10 percent would go to counties' highway funds.

It is estimated that the 10 percent tax collection would generate approximately 59 million dollars per year. These monies would be appropriated using the same Oklahoma Statute county transportation formula with 40 percent distributed based on certified road miles, 30 percent distributed based on the latest certified census population and the remaining 30 percent distributed based on the area of each county bears to the total area of the state.

When these motor vehicle taxes were first imposed they were considered a “user’s tax.” In other words, a tax was collected on motor vehicles to help bear the expenses for the roads and bridges that the vehicles used. Over the course of time, these monies have been siphoned off and moved to the general fund.

Oklahoma has the third highest percentage of deficient bridges in the nation because of poor county bridges. According to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) the costs of materials used for road, highway and bridge construction have increased by 55 percent throughout the last five years.

It is past time to move a portion of this “user’s tax” back to the funds where the intent was originally solicited. This bill is going to be heard in committee on Thursday of this week. Please let Representative DeWitt and Representative Jeff Hickman know that you are in support of this bill and thank Representative DeWitt for carrying this bill forward. You may email DeWitt at dalede Witt@okhouse.gov or call him at his office at 405-761-3716. You may email Hickman at jwhickman@okhouse.gov or call him at his office at 405-557-7339.

As always, please call me with any county concerns and/or District 2 road concerns at the District 2 Shop at 580-395-2859. You may also reach me on my cell at

580-541-8950 or Robert Moss, District 2 Foreman, on his cell at 580-541-8953.
Furthermore, you may stop by the shop at 524 N. Front Street in Medford to voice any concerns about Grant County or just to visit.

Respectfully submitted,

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