FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact in the form of a revenue increase and decrease from decal fees and registration fees, is indeterminable. The change in registration fee and decal fee revenue cannot be determined because it is unknown how many citizens will select the proposed permanent trailer registration option.

This bill creates a permanent registration option program for utility trailers that are not less than 11 years old. The program requires a \$87.50 decal fee plus a one-time registration fee equal to five times the current applicable registration fee. It is assumed that the Highway Fund will receive the revenue from the decal fee and the registration fee would be distributed pursuant to W.S. 31-3-103.

For FY 2021, the total registration fee revenue associated with eligible trailers was approximately \$4.1 million. If 100% of the eligible trailers participate in the program during FY 2023, the estimated fiscal impact in the form of a revenue increase is equal to \$26.5 million and would be distributed as follows: \$10.2 million to the Highway Fund in decal fees and \$10.0 million to the Highway Fund, \$1.0 million to the School Foundation Program Account (SFP), \$2.9 million to school districts, and \$2.4 million to counties and other local entities in registration fees. These FY 2023 revenue increases are net of the current registration fees and would be less with less than 100% participation.

If 100% of the eligible trailers participate in the program, it is assumed that in FY 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, a fiscal impact in the form of a revenue decrease will occur due to a reduction in annual decal and registration fees. The estimated annual revenue decrease is equal to \$4.1 million and would be distributed as follows: \$2.5 million to the Highway Fund, \$300,000 to the SFP, \$700,000 to school districts, and \$600,000 to the counties and other local entities. These revenue decreases would be less with less than 100% participation.

FY 2023 FY 2024 FY 2025

NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

Anticipated Expenditure increase HIGHWAY FUND

\$3,500

Source of expenditure increase:

The Revenue Information System (RIS) would require programming to accept and identify a permanent registration.

Assumptions:

Historically the Department of Transportation has paid approximately \$3,500 for programing fees.

The expenditure increase reflected above could be considered an administrative cost. However, for simplicity and to follow consistent practice on legislation of this type, it is included on the fiscal note.

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