

The following bills have been placed on the Legislative Agenda for General File debate March 28, 2006 beginning no later than 1:30 p.m.

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LB 904 – Senator Baker’s Priority Bill

A bill to amend the allocation of sales tax proceeds derived from motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers, so that after October 1, 2006, sales tax proceeds over 5% would be credited to the Highway Allocation Fund rather than to the General Fund. The Highway Allocation Fund proceeds are distributed between cities and counties. An amendment to the bill would also amend the section that establishes the Highway Allocation Fund to authorize receipts from this source. This change would be operative October 1, 2006 and would add some \$13.5 million to the fund.

Status: Advanced to General File several amendments pending.

PEC position: support.

LB 1226 – Senator Langemeier’s priority bill.

In its original form, the bill proposed to change provisions relating to in-stream appropriations, ground water, and management areas; however there are several amendments pending, one of which is AM 2723 which removes the qualification that the Director of Natural Resources be a licensed professional engineer.

Status: Advanced to General File several amendments pending.

PEC position: opposed to AM 2723 that would alter the qualifications of the Director of Natural Resources

If you have made contact with your state senator, please pass along to me any information that might assist the Professional Engineers Coalition in supporting LB 904 and opposing LB 1226 AM 2723.

Thanks,

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