

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.53

Name: An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges

Sponsor(s): Governor Maura Healey

Hearing Date: April 10th, 2025 **(Reporting Date:** June 9th, 2025)

Summary of Proposed Law:

§1 Contains preambulatory language.

§2 Appropriates \$1.5 billion for the Chapter 90 program (per the letter from Governor Healey accompanying the filing of H.53, this amount is intended to fund Chapter 90 for the next five fiscal years at \$300 million per year.)

Stipulates that, of this \$1.5 billion appropriation, \$500 million shall be allocated among municipalities based solely on the factor of road mileage (\$200 million per year allocated on standard Ch. 90 formula, and \$100 million per year distributed solely based on road mileage.)

§2A Provides \$500 million for the MassDOT road and bridge lifecycle asset management program.

Provides \$200 million for the replacement and modernization of culverts and small bridges.

Provides \$185 million for a program of capital investments to reduce congestion hotspots statewide.

§§3-4 Authorizes the commonwealth to issue general obligation debt in the amount of \$1.5 billion for a maximum term of 30 years to fund the appropriation contained in Section 2.

Authorizes the commonwealth to issue general obligation debt in the amount of \$885 million for a maximum term of 30 years to fund the appropriations contained in Section 2A.

§5 Authorizes the treasurer, at the governor's request, to issue special obligation bonds for the authorizations in the above sections subject to

certain considerations the governor must follow when making such a request.