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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE BILL 811 AS PASSED BY SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Bullard

First House Committee: Commerce

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 2/13/02

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SENATE BILL 812 AS PASSED BY SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Bullard

Committee: Commerce

SUMMARY

Senate Bills 811 and 812 would amend Public Acts 205 of 1941, and 368 of 1925, respectively, to allow the Michigan Department of Transportation to enter into agreements to authorize the use of limited access highway property for the installation, operation, and maintenance of commercial or noncommercial electronic devices and related structures intended to provide travel related information services to motorists who subscribe to such services, to the public, or to the department. MDOT currently uses "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) technology to assist in traffic control and congestion relief on some state expressways. The bills are intended to permit the expansion of ITS technology including commercial applications.

SB 812 requires that the devices be placed in a manner that will not impede traffic and will not increase [state] maintenance costs. Both bills require that any revenue generated from the agreements be deposited to the State Trunkline Fund. Both bills allow the department to accept facilities or in kind services in lieu of, or in addition to, monetary compensation.

Funds received from the agreements authorized by the bills would increase state revenue although no estimate of the potential revenue increase is currently available.