IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; AMENDING SECTION 63-3638, IDAHO CODE,
3	TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF SALES TAX TO BE ALLOCATED TO TRANS-
4	PORTATION AND TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING THE ORDER OF FUNDS TO BE
5	DISTRIBUTED; AMENDING SECTION 40-720, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE
6	AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; AND AMENDING SECTION 49-202, IDAHO
7	CODE, TO INCREASE THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN
8	APPROPRIATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION AND CONGESTION MITIGA-
9	TION FUND, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 63-3638, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 63-3638. SALES TAX -- DISTRIBUTION. All moneys collected under this chapter, except as may otherwise be required in sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and except as provided in subsection (16) of this section, shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
- (1) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims. All refunds authorized under this chapter by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account, and those moneys are continuously appropriated.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the permanent building fund, provided by section 57-1108, Idaho Code.
- (3) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the water pollution control fund established by section 39-3628, Idaho Code.
- (4) An amount equal to the sum required to be certified by the chairman of the Idaho housing and finance association to the state tax commission pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code, in each year is continuously appropriated and shall be paid to any capital reserve fund established by the Idaho housing and finance association pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code. Such amounts, if any, as may be appropriated hereunder to the capital reserve fund of the Idaho housing and finance association shall be repaid for distribution under the provisions of this section, subject to the provisions of section 67-6215, Idaho Code, by the Idaho housing and finance association, as soon as possible, from any moneys available therefor and in excess of the amounts the association determines will keep it self-supporting.
- (5) An amount equal to the sum required by the provisions of sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code, after allowance for the amount appropriated by section 63-718(3), Idaho Code, is continuously appropriated and shall be paid as provided by sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code.

(6) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 53, title 33, Idaho Code.

- (7) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 87, title 67, Idaho Code.
- (8) For fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), of which two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) shall be distributed to each of the forty-four (44) counties in equal amounts and one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) shall be distributed to the forty-four (44) counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. For fiscal year 2012 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount distributed pursuant to this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the state tax commission in accordance with the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, but in no fiscal year shall the total amount allocated for counties under this subsection be less than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000). Any increase resulting from the adjustment required in this section shall be distributed to each county in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. Each county shall establish a special election fund to which shall be deposited all revenues received from the distribution pursuant to this subsection. All such revenues shall be used exclusively to defray the costs associated with conducting elections as required of county clerks by the provisions of section 34-1401, Idaho Code.
- (9) One dollar (\$1.00) on each application for certificate of title or initial application for registration of a motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or other vehicle processed by the county assessor or the Idaho transportation department, excepting those applications in which any sales or use taxes due have been previously collected by a retailer, shall be a fee for the services of the assessor of the county or the Idaho transportation department in collecting such taxes and shall be paid into the current expense fund of the county or state highway account established in section 40-702, Idaho Code.
- (10) Eleven and five-tenths percent (11.5%) is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the revenue-sharing account, which is hereby created in the state treasury, and the moneys in the revenue-sharing account will be paid in installments each calendar quarter by the state tax commission on and after July 1, 2020, as follows:
 - (a) Forty-five and two-tenths percent (45.2%) shall be paid to the various cities as follows:
 - (i) The revenue-sharing amount calculated by the state tax commission for the various cities for each quarter of fiscal year 2020 shall be the base amount for current quarterly revenue distribution amounts. The state tax commission shall calculate the per capita distribution for each city resulting from the previous fiscal year's distributions.
 - (ii) If there is no change in the amount of the revenue-sharing account from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then the various cities shall receive the same amount received for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

(iii) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is greater than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then:

- 1. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were below the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the various cities shall first receive a proportional increase up to the base amount for each city and up to a one percent (1%) increase over such base amount. Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with below-average per capita distributions within the state.
- 2. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were at or above the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the cities shall receive the same distribution they received during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year plus a proportional increase up to one percent (1%). Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to the cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with a below-average per capita distribution within the state.
- (iv) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is less than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then the cities shall first receive a proportional reduction down to the base amount established in fiscal year 2020. If further reductions are necessary, the cities shall receive reductions based on the proportion that each city's population bears to the population of all cities within the state.
- (b) Forty-seven and one-tenth percent (47.1%) shall be paid to the various counties as follows:
 - (i) Fifty-nine and eight-tenths percent (59.8%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
 - 1. One million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,320,000) annually shall be distributed one forty-fourth (1/44) to each of the various counties; and
 - 2. The balance of such amount shall be paid to the various counties, and each county shall be entitled to an amount in the proportion that the population of that county bears to the population of the state; and
 - (ii) Forty and two-tenths percent (40.2%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
 - 1. Each county that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638 (e), Idaho Code, as that subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth

quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.

- 2. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (b) (ii) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
- 3. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(b)(ii) in any quarter exceeds the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county shall be entitled to a proportionately increased payment, but such increase shall not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999.
- 4. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(b)(ii) in any quarter exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, any amount over and above such one hundred five percent (105%) shall be paid to the various counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state; and
- (c) Seven and seven-tenths percent (7.7%) of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall be paid to the several counties for distribution to special purpose taxing districts as follows:
 - (i) Each such district that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as such subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
 - (ii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each special purpose taxing district's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
 - (iii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter exceeds the amount distributed under paragraph (c)(i) of this subsection, each special purpose taxing district shall be entitled to a share of the excess based on the proportion each such district's current property tax budget bears to the sum of the current property tax budgets of all such districts in the state. The state tax commission shall calculate district current property tax budgets to include any unrecovered forgone amounts as determined under section 63-802(1)(e), Idaho Code. When a special purpose taxing district is situated in more than one (1) county, the state tax commission shall determine the portion attributable to the special purpose taxing district from each county in which it is situated.
 - (iv) If special purpose taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to a base amount equal to the sum of the base amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district prior to the consolidation.

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- (v) If a special purpose taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received.
- (vi) Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (vii) For purposes of this paragraph (c) of this subsection, a special purpose taxing district is any taxing district that is not a city, a county, or a school district.
- (11) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 2, chapter 356, laws of 2001, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts beginning in October 2001 for replacement of property tax on farm machinery and equipment exempted pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code. For nonschool districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of this amount certified quarterly to each county. For school districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of the amount certified quarterly to each school district. For nonschool districts, the county auditor shall distribute to each district within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of moneys from the state tax commission. Moneys received by each taxing district for replacement shall be utilized in the same manner and in the same proportions as revenues from property taxation. The moneys remitted to the county treasurer for replacement of property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, may be considered by the counties and other taxing districts and budgeted at the same time, in the same manner and in the same year as revenues from taxation on personal property which these moneys replace. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received. If a taxing district annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection. School districts shall receive an amount determined by multiplying the sum of the year 2000 school district levy minus .004 times the market value on December 31, 2000, in the district of the property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, provided that the result of these calculations shall not be less than zero (0). The result of these school district calculations shall be further increased by six percent (6%). For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues.

(12) Amounts necessary to pay refunds as provided in section 63-3641, Idaho Code, to a developer of a retail complex shall be remitted to the demonstration pilot project fund created in section 63-3641, Idaho Code.

- (13) Amounts calculated in accordance with subsection (4) of section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts for replacement of property tax on personal property tax exemptions pursuant to subsection (2) of section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, which amounts are continuously appropriated unless the legislature enacts a different appropriation for a particular fiscal year. For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts that were received in the last calendar year by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district or revenue allocation area annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts and revenue allocation areas formed after January 1, 2013, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection.
- (14) Amounts collected from purchasers and paid to the state of Idaho by retailers that are not engaged in business in this state and which retailer would not have been required to collect the sales tax, less amounts otherwise distributed in subsections (1) and (10) of this section, shall be distributed to the tax relief fund created in section 57-811, Idaho Code. The state tax commission will determine the amounts to be distributed under this subsection.
- (15) Any moneys remaining over and above those necessary to meet and reserve for payments under other subsections of this section shall be distributed to the general fund.
- (16) One Three percent $(\pm 3\%)$, but not less than fifteen forty-five million dollars $(\$ \pm 545,000,000)$, is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation fund established in section 40-720, Idaho Code. The distribution provided for in this subsection must immediately follow the distribution provided for in subsection (10) of this section.
- SECTION 2. That Section 40-720, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 40-720. TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION AND CONGESTION MITIGATION PROGRAM -- FUND ESTABLISHED. (1) The Idaho transportation department shall establish and maintain a transportation expansion and congestion mitigation program.
- (2) The fund established pursuant to this section shall finance projects that expand the state <u>and local</u> systems to address and mitigate transportation congestion. The <u>state</u> projects shall be evaluated by the Idaho transportation department and shall be chosen by the Idaho transportation board based on a policy that may include mitigation of traffic times, improvement to traffic flow and mitigation of traffic congestion. <u>Local</u> projects shall be evaluated and chosen by local units of government based

on a policy that may include mitigation of traffic times, road maintenance, improvement of traffic flow, mitigation of traffic congestion, and bridge maintenance and repair.

- (3) There is hereby established in the state treasury the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation fund, to which shall be deposited:
 - (a) All moneys distributed pursuant to section 63-2520, Idaho Code;
 - (b) All moneys distributed pursuant to section 63-3638, Idaho Code; and
 - (c) Any other appropriated moneys for funding the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation program.
- (4) Interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be used for the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation program.
- (5) The Idaho housing and finance association is hereby authorized to issue bonds, secured by otherwise unobligated moneys in the fund established in subsection (3) of this section, for the purpose of financing state transportation projects approved by the Idaho transportation board and local projects approved by local units of government. The Idaho transportation board shall take into consideration the mitigation of traffic congestion from the state campus site located at 11311 West Chinden Boulevard, Boise, as a priority when approving transportation projects. Moneys from the fund established in subsection (3) of this section shall be used to pay any of the principal, interest, and other amounts for local projects approved by local units of government and state transportation projects approved by the Idaho transportation board and required for bonds issued pursuant to this subsection in accordance with the provisions of chapter 62, title 67, Idaho Code. If such bonds are issued, moneys in the fund shall first be continuously appropriated and used for repayment of said bonds in accordance with subsection (7) of this section.
- (6) The authority provided in subsection (5) of this section shall be used only to issue bonds on an approved resolution by the Idaho transportation board requesting that the Idaho housing and finance association issue bonds contingent upon:
 - (a) The availability of otherwise unobligated moneys in the fund, established in subsection (3) of this section, necessary to meet bond service obligations;
 - (b) The moneys disbursed being used in accordance with United States treasury regulations to ensure tax-exempt status is retained, unless tax-exempt bonds are not available; and
 - (c) The issuance of bonds at prevailing market rates of interest-; and
 - (d) Forty percent (40%) of such moneys disbursed will be available to local units of government as provided in section 40-709, Idaho Code, for projects identified according to this section, provided that the local projects must comply with United States treasury regulations for tax-exempt bonds as determined by the Idaho transportation department. Noncompliance with such regulations may result in the loss of funds to a local project as determined by the Idaho transportation department.
- (7) From moneys in the fund established in this section, there are hereby continuously appropriated first such amounts as from time to time shall be certified by the Idaho housing and finance association to the state controller, the state treasurer, and the Idaho transportation board as

necessary for payment of principal, interest, and other amounts required for transportation bonds or notes of the Idaho housing and finance association in accordance with chapter 62, title 67, Idaho Code, that are issued to finance improvements described in this section, which amounts shall not exceed the amount received and transferred from section 63-3638(16), Idaho Code, which amounts shall be transferred to the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation program debt service fund established in section 40-721(2), Idaho Code.

SECTION 3. That Section 49-202, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-202. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. (1) All registration and driver's license records in the office of the department shall be public records and open to inspection by the public during normal business hours, except for those records declared by law to be for the confidential use of the department, or those records containing personal information subject to restrictions or conditions regarding disclosure. If the department has contracted for a service to be provided by another entity, an additional fee shall be charged by that contractor whether the service is rendered during normal business hours, other than normal business hours or on weekends.

(2) In addition to other fees required by law to be collected by the department, the department shall collect the following:

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(a) For certifying a copy of any record pertaining to any vehicle li-
cense, any certificate of title, or any driver's license \$14.00
(b) For issuing every Idaho certificate of title \$142.00
(c) For furnishing a duplicate copy of any Idaho certificate
of title \$14.00
(d) For issuance or transfer of every certificate of title on a new or
used vehicle or other titled vehicle in an expedited manner (rush ti-
tles), in addition to any other fee required by this section \$26.00
(e) For recording a transitional ownership document, in addition to any
other fee required by this section\$26.00
(f) For furnishing a replacement of any receipt
of registration\$5.00
(g) For furnishing copies of registration or ownership of motor vehi-
cles or driver's license records, per vehicle registration, accident
report records, title or per driver's license record \$7.00
Additional contractor fee, not to exceed\$4.00
(h) For services in searching files of vehicle or other
registrations, vehicle titles, or driver's licenses, per hour . \$18.00
(i) Placing "stop" cards in vehicle registration or title
files, each\$21.00
(j) For issuance of an assigned or replacement vehicle
identification number (VIN) \$18.00
(k) For a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection whether con-
ducted by a city or county peace officer or any other peace officer or
designated agent of the state of Idaho, per inspection \$5.00
(1) For all replacement registration stickers, each \$2.00
(m) For issuing letters of temporary vehicle clearance
to Idaho-based motor carriers \$18.00

- (3) The fees required in this section shall not apply when the service is furnished to any federal, state, county or city peace officer when such service is required in the performance of their duties as peace officers.
- (4) The department may enter into agreements with private companies or public entities to provide the services for which a fee is collected in subsection (2)(g) of this section. Such private contractor shall collect the fee prescribed and remit the fee to the department. The contractor shall also collect and retain the additional fee charged for his services.
 - (5) (a) The department shall pay three dollars (\$3.00) of the fee collected by a county assessor or other authorized agent of the department as provided in subsection (2) (a) through (f) of this section, and four dollars (\$4.00) as provided in subsection (2) (g) of this section, to the county assessor or sheriff of the county or authorized agent of the department collecting such fee, which shall be deposited with the county treasurer and credited to the county current expense fund when collected by the county. When fees are collected by the department or an authorized agent of the department, such fees shall be deposited with the issuing entity. The remainder of the fees collected as provided in that subsection shall be paid by the department to the state treasurer and placed in the state highway account.
 - (b) The fee collected under subsection (2) (k) of this section for a VIN inspection shall be placed in the city general fund if conducted by a city peace officer, in the county current expense fund if conducted by a county peace officer, shall be retained by the special agent if so authorized to perform the inspection, or paid to the state treasurer and placed to the credit of the Idaho state police if conducted by the Idaho state police or in to the state highway account if conducted by the department.
 - (c) The fee collected under subsection (2) (o) of this section for filing release of liability statements shall be retained by the county assessor of the county collecting such fee and shall be deposited with the county treasurer and credited to the county current expense fund. Any fees collected by the department for filing release of liability statements shall be retained by the department.
 - (d) The fee in subsection (2) (m) of this section shall not apply when the Idaho-based motor carrier or its representative obtains and prints the document using internet access.
 - (e) The fee collected under subsection (2) (p) of this section for motor carriers shall be paid by the department to the state treasurer and placed in the state highway account. The director and the director of the Idaho state police shall jointly determine the amount to be transferred from the state highway account to the law enforcement fund for motor carrier safety programs conducted by the Idaho state police pursuant to the provisions of section 67-2901A, Idaho Code.

- $\underline{\text{(f)}}$ Of the fees collected in subsection (2) (b) of this section, twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) from each transaction, but not less than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) per state fiscal year, is hereby continuously appropriated and shall be allocated to local units of government as provided in section 40-709, Idaho Code.
- (6) The department as often as practicable may provide to law enforcement agencies the record of suspensions and revocations of driver licenses via the public safety and security information system (ILETS).
- (7) The department shall provide the forms prescribed in chapter 5 of this title, shall receive and file in its office in Ada county all instruments required in chapter 5 of this title to be filed with the department, shall prescribe a uniform method of numbering certificates of title, and shall maintain in the department indices for such certificates of title. All indices shall be by motor or identification number and alphabetical by name of the owner.
- (8) The department shall file each registration received under a distinctive registration number assigned to the vehicle and to the owner thereof.
- (9) The department shall not renew a driver's license or identification card when fees required by law have not been paid or where fees for past periods are due, owing and unpaid, including insufficient fund checks, until those fees have been paid.
 - (10) The department shall not grant the registration of a vehicle when:
 - (a) The applicant is not entitled to registration under the provisions of this title; or
 - (b) The applicant has neglected or refused to furnish the department with the information required in the appropriate form or reasonable additional information required by the department; or
 - (c) The fees required by law have not been paid, or where fees for past registration periods are due, owing and unpaid, including insufficient fund checks.
- (11) The department or its authorized agents have the authority to request any person to submit to medical, vision, highway, or written examinations, to protect the safety of the public upon the highways. The department or its authorized agents may exercise such authority based upon evidence which may include, but is not limited to, observations made.
 - (12) The department shall revoke the registration of any vehicle:
 - (a) Which tThe department shall determines is unsafe or unfit to be operated or is not equipped as required by law;
 - (b) Whenever the person to whom the registration card or registration plate has been issued <u>shall</u> makes or permits to be made any unlawful use of the same or permits their use by a person not entitled thereto;
 - (c) For any violation of vehicle registration requirements by the owner or operator in the current or past registration periods;
 - (d) Whenever a motor carrier requests revocation, or whenever an interstate carrier's federal operating authority has been revoked;
 - (e) For failure of the owner or operator to file the reports required or nonpayment of audit assessments or fees assessed against the owner by the department or the state tax commission pursuant to audit under the provisions of section 49-439, Idaho Code;

- (f) Identified by any city or county administering a program established by ordinance for the inspection and readjustment of motor vehicles (which program is part of an approved state implementation plan adopted by both the state and federal governments under 42 U.S.C. 7410) as having failed to comply with an ordinance requiring motor vehicle emission inspection and readjustment; provided that no vehicle shall be identified to the department under this subsection unless:
 - (i) The city or county certifies to the department that the owner of the motor vehicle has been given notice and had the opportunity for a hearing concerning compliance with the ordinance and has exhausted all remedies and appeals from any determination made at such hearing; and
 - (ii) The city or county reimburses the department for all direct costs associated with the registration revocation procedure.
- (13) The department shall not reregister or permit a vehicle to operate on a special trip permit until all fees, penalties and interest have been paid.
- (14) The department shall institute educational programs, demonstrations, exhibits and displays.
- (15) The department shall cancel a driver's license or identification card when fees required by law have not been paid or where fees are due, owing and unpaid, including insufficient fund checks, until those fees have been paid.
- (16) The department shall examine persons and vehicles by written, oral, vision and skills tests without compulsion except as provided by law.
- (17) The department shall employ expert and special help as needed in the department.
- (18) The department shall compile accident statistics and disseminate information relating to those statistics.
- (19) The department shall cooperate with the United States in the elimination of road hazards, whether of a physical, visual or mental character.
- (20) The department shall place and maintain traffic-control devices, conforming to the board's manual and specifications, upon all state highways as it shall deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this title or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. No local authority shall place or maintain any traffic-control device upon any highway under the jurisdiction of the department except by the latter's permission. The placement and maintenance of such a traffic-control device by a local authority shall be made according to the board's manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic-control devices.
- (21) The department may conduct an investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a highway, and, if it shall find that the structure cannot with safety to itself withstand vehicles traveling at a speed otherwise permissible under this title, shall determine and declare the maximum speed of vehicles which the structure can safely withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating the maximum speed to be erected and maintained before each end of the structure.
- (22) Whenever the department shall determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any highway or part of a highway impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the depart-

ment may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which no person shall drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, and that limit shall be effective when posted upon appropriate fixed or variable signs.

- (23) The department shall regulate or prohibit the use of any controlled-access highway by any class or kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic.
- (24) The department shall erect and maintain traffic-control devices on controlled-access highways on which any prohibitions are applicable.
- (25) The department and local authorities are authorized to determine those portions of any highway under their respective jurisdictions where overtaking and passing or driving on the left side of the roadway would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the roadway indicate the beginning and end of those zones and when signs or markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, every driver of a vehicle shall obey those directions.
- (26) The department and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may in their discretion issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of the movable tracks or farm tractors or other farm machinery, the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this title or title 40, Idaho Code.
- (27) The department and local highway authorities within their respective jurisdictions may place official traffic-control devices prohibiting, limiting or restricting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any highway where such stopping, standing or parking is dangerous to those using the highway or where the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles unduly interferes with the free movement of traffic thereon.
- (28) On any informational material printed after July 1, 1995, by or at the order of the department and distributed to counties, school districts or individuals for the purpose of assisting a person to successfully pass a driver's license test, the department shall include material about the state's open range law and responsibilities, liabilities and obligations of drivers driving in the open range.