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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1140

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2	RELATING TO HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; AMENDING SECTION 40-103, IDAHO CODE,
3	TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION
4	40-117, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;
5	AMENDING SECTION 40-207, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING
5	VIOLATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION; AND DECLARING
7	AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 40-103, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 40-103. DEFINITIONS -- B. (1) "Base technical concept" means the project specific concepts and technical information provided in the request for proposals $\frac{1}{2}$ which design-build firms will develop their technical and price proposals.
- (2) "Benefit primarily motor vehicles" and "primary benefit of motor vehicles" means highway projects that are designed and constructed to reduce traffic congestion, travel delays, engine idle time, and unproductive fuel consumption.
- (2) (3) "Best value selection" means any selection process in which proposals contain both price and qualitative components and award is based upon on a combination of price and qualitative considerations.
 - (3) (4) "Board" means the Idaho transportation board.
- (4) (5) "Business" means any lawful activity, excepting a farm operation, conducted primarily for the purchase, resale, lease and rental of personal and real property, and for the manufacture, processing or marketing of products, commodities, or other personal property; for the sale of services to the public; or solely for the purpose of section 40-2004(1), Idaho Code, for assisting in the purchase, sale, resale, manufacture, processing, or marketing of products, commodities, personal property, or services by the erection and maintenance of an outdoor advertising display or displays, whether or not displays are located on the premises on which any of the activities are conducted.
- (5) (6) "Business entity" means a corporation, professional corporation, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, professional limited liability partnership or any other form of business except a sole proprietorship.
- SECTION 2. That Section 40-117, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 40-117. DEFINITIONS -- P. (1) "Person" includes every natural person, firm, fiduciary, copartnership, association, corporation, trustee, receiver or assignee for the benefit of creditors.
 - (2) "Place." (See "Maintain," section 40-114, Idaho Code)

- (3) "Preliminary design," as used in section 40-904, Idaho Code, means the general project location and design concepts. It includes, but is not limited to, preliminary engineering and other activities and analyses, such as environmental assessments, topographic surveys, metes and bounds surveys, geotechnical investigations, hydrologic analyses, hydraulic analyses, utility engineering, traffic studies, financial plans, revenue estimates, hazardous materials assessments, general estimates of the types and quantities of materials and other work needed to establish parameters for the final design.
- (4) "Price proposal" means the price submitted by a design-build firm to provide the required design and construction services described in the request for proposals or the price submitted by a construction manager/general manager or general contractor firm to provide the required construction services described in the request for proposal.
- vehicles" means highway projects that are designed and constructed to reduce traffic congestion, travel delays, engine idle time, and unproductive fuel consumption. "Primary benefit of motor vehicles" also includes and is limited to improving vehicle traffic flow and travel times through expanding vehicle travel lanes, improving intersection efficiency, adding turning lanes, improving transportation management systems, or a combination of such methods. Highway improvements to existing or new bicycle and pedestrian facilities may only be included in a project for the primary benefit of motor vehicles if such facilities:
 - (a) Provide a collateral or secondary benefit to the project; or
 - (b) Are highway design improvements that are necessary to comply with existing federal law.
- (5) (6) "Primary system" or "primary highway" means any portion of the highways of the state, as officially designated, or as may hereafter be so designated, by the Idaho transportation board, and approved by the secretary of transportation, pursuant to the provisions of title 23, U.S. Code, "Highways."
- $\frac{(6)}{(7)}$ "Public highway agency" means the state transportation department, any city, county, highway district or other political subdivision of the state with jurisdiction over public highway systems and public rights-of-way.
- (7) <u>(8)</u> "Public highways" means all highways open to public use in the state, whether maintained by the state or by any county, highway district, city, or other political subdivision. (Also see "Highways," section 40-109, Idaho Code)
- (8) (9) "Public land survey corner" means any point actually established and monumented in an original survey or resurvey that determines the boundaries of remaining public lands, or public lands patented, represented on an official plat and in the field notes thereof, accepted and approved under authority delegated by congress to the United States general land office and the United States department of interior, bureau of land management.

(9) (10) "Public right-of-way" means a right-of-way open to the public and under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency, where the public highway agency has no obligation to construct or maintain, but may expend funds for the maintenance of, said public right-of-way or post traffic signs for vehicular traffic on said public right-of-way. In addition, a public right-of-way includes a right-of-way which was originally intended for development as a highway and was accepted on behalf of the public by deed of purchase, fee simple title, authorized easement, eminent domain, by plat, prescriptive use, or abandonment of a highway pursuant to section 40-203, Idaho Code, but shall not include federal land rights-of-way, as provided in section 40-204A, Idaho Code, that resulted from the creation of a facility for the transmission of water. Public rights-of-way shall not be considered improved highways for the apportionment of funds from the highway distribution account.

(10) (11) "Public street" means a road, thoroughfare, alley, highway or bridge under the jurisdiction of a public highway agency.

(11) (12) "Public transportation services" means, but is not limited to, fixed transit routes, scheduled or unscheduled transit services provided by motor vehicle, bus, rail, van, aerial tramway and other modes of public conveyance; paratransit service for the elderly and disabled; shuttle and commuter service between cities, counties, health care facilities, employment centers, educational institutions or park-and-ride locations; subscription van and car pooling services; transportation services unique to social service programs; and the management and administration thereof.

SECTION 3. That Section 40-207, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-207. VIOLATIONS -- PENALTIES. Any elected official, officer, or person who shall violate or aid in the violation of any of the provisions of this title, unless a different penalty is prescribed by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The reporting of violations under this title shall be afforded protection pursuant to the provisions of chapter 21, title 6, Idaho Code. All fines collected for violations of the provisions of this title shall be paid into the highway distribution account established in section 40-701, Idaho Code.

SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025.