

## SB 2: Relief of the Estate of Molly Parker/Department of Transportation

### Summary:

This bill provides an appropriation of \$5.95 million to compensate the Estate of Molly Parker for her death resulting from the negligence of the Department of Transportation. Molly Parker was involved in a severe car crash with a dump truck owned by the department, driven by an employee who failed to yield the right-of-way. As a result, Ms. Parker suffered multiple traumatic injuries and died from her injuries. The bill also includes provisions regarding the payment of attorney fees and the waiver of certain liens related to Ms. Parker's care and treatment.

Cons	Pros
1) Supporting this bill would require a significant appropriation of funds (\$5.95 million) from the State Transportation Trust Fund, potentially diverting resources from other transportation projects and priorities. 2) The bill sets a precedent for providing compensation in cases of negligence by government departments, which could lead to an increased number of claims and potential strain on state funds. 3) The bill caps the amount that can be awarded for attorney fees at 25%, which may discourage lawyers from taking on these types of cases and limit access to legal representation for victims and their families.	1) The bill provides compensation to the Estate of Molly Parker for the death of Ms. Parker as a result of the Department of Transportation's negligence, helping to bring justice to her family. 2) It acknowledges the Department of Transportation's employee's negligence in causing the crash and holds the department accountable for their actions. 3) The bill ensures that the estate receives the necessary funds to cover medical expenses and lost earnings, providing financial support for the family.