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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6186

BILL NUMBER: HB 1174

DATE PREPARED: Nov 12, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Historic bridge preservation.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides an annual grant that counties may request based upon the number of non-covered historic bridges in the county and subject to the amount appropriated from the State General Fund for historic bridge maintenance grants. The county executive must use the grant money for the maintenance of historic bridges or covered bridges. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill contains no appropriations. However, subject to appropriations made by the General Assembly, the bill authorizes an annual grant of \$1,250 to counties for each historic bridge that is not a covered bridge that is located on the county's road system. Before September 1 of each year, the Auditor of State must distribute from the State General Fund to each county the total amount to which the county is entitled based on the number of bridges.

In order to qualify for a grant, the non-covered bridge must be listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures and/or the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, 28 historic bridges that are not covered bridges are listed in the State and/or National Register. If all 28 received funding, the total annual impact would equal \$35,000 (\$1,250 grant per bridge multiplied by 28 bridges equals \$35,000). More bridges may be listed on the State and/or National Register in the future in order to be eligible for the grant. However, the specific number that will be listed is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties may be eligible to receive \$1,250 per each historic bridge that is not a covered bridge. The table below lists counties that are currently eligible for funding and the number

by county of non-covered historic bridges listed in the State and /or National Register.

Counties Containing Historic Non-covered Bridges

<u>County</u>	<u># of Non-covered Bridges Listed on the State and/or National Register</u>	<u>Potential State Grant</u>
Allen	1	\$ 1,250
Bartholomew	2	2,500
Brown	1	1,250
Carroll	1	1,250
Clark	1	1,250
Dearborn	2	2,500
DeKalb	1	1,250
Hancock	1	1,250
Hendricks	2	2,500
Huntington	1	1,250
Kosciusko	1	1,250
Marshall	1	1,250
Miami	1	1,250
Montgomery	1	1,250
Morgan	1	1,250
Newton	1	1,250
Orange	1	1,250
Owen	1	1,250
Putnam	1	1,250
St. Joseph	4	5,000
Starke	1	1,250
Vanderburgh	1	1,250
Totals	28	\$35,000

County executives may use the grant money only to maintain historic bridges or covered bridges. Counties may commingle and accumulate grant money received to preserve the historic bridges.

State Agencies Affected: Auditor of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: Marsh Davis, Director of Community Services, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (317) 639-4534; and John Saldibar, Division of Historic Preservation, Department of Natural Resources (317) 232-3492.