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**SB 2620 S.D.1
RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND**

Senate Committee(s) on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs &
Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) opposes S.B. 2620, S.D. 1 which authorizes works of art acquired using moneys from the works of art special fund to be displayed and maintained in public buildings, including federal, state, and county buildings. Currently the DOT understands that the State mandated one percent of capital improvement construction appropriation contributed by the DOT's Airports Division to the works of art fund be solely used to enhance airport facilities. This policy is consistent with the Federal Aviation Administration's regulation that airport revenue be used for the benefit of airport facilities and its users; otherwise other uses are considered a "revenue diversion."

A "revenue diversion," is a violation of the Federal Aviation Administration's regulations and jeopardizes the Airports Division's ability to participate in the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program that provides millions of dollars in grant funds for capital improvement projects.

Although the DOT appreciates culture and the arts, we must request that this bill be held in your committee or exempt the DOT in order to protect the flow of federal funds to the state airport system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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