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# H. R. 1724

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

Mr. WESTERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Funds  
5       Exemption Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES UNDER**  
 2 **FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United  
 4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 154 the  
 5 following:

6 **“§ 155. Treatment of State and local taxes**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not approve  
 8 any project under section 106 in a State for a fiscal year  
 9 if the Secretary determines that in the previous fiscal year  
 10 State or local sales taxes were collected within the State  
 11 on covered purchases of construction materials made, in  
 12 whole or in part, with funds made available under this  
 13 chapter.

14 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following  
 15 definitions apply:

16 “(1) COVERED PURCHASE.—The term ‘covered  
 17 purchase’—

18 “(A) means a purchase of construction ma-  
 19 terials that are used and consumed during the  
 20 construction of a project or incorporated into  
 21 the constructed, reconstructed, or improved  
 22 product or facility; but

23 “(B) does not include a purchase of equip-  
 24 ment, heavy equipment, mechanized vehicles,  
 25 and construction materials that are not fully  
 26 consumed during the construction of a project.

1       “(c) CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL.—The term ‘con-  
2   struction material’ means any substance specified or nec-  
3   essary to satisfactorily complete the contract work for a  
4   project.”.

5       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for such  
6   chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating  
7   to section 154 the following:

“155. Treatment of State and local taxes.”.

8       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9   subsection (a) shall apply to fiscal year 2017 and each  
10   fiscal year thereafter.

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