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This bill increases the special revenue fund appropriation to the POST Board by \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the next biennium. The additional funding is intended to increase the level of reimbursement of local law enforcement agencies for peace officer training costs.

The POST Board is statutorily funded with receipts from the criminal and traffic surcharge. The surcharge is currently \$72. The first \$25 of the surcharge is allocated as follows:

- one percent to the game and fish fund;
- up to 39 percent to the POST Board; and
- at least 60 percent to the general fund.

The remaining \$47 of the \$72 surcharge is credited to the general fund. Currently, the POST Board receives approximately 25 percent of the first \$25 of the surcharge. This bill would increase the POST Board's allocation to the statutory maximum 39 percent. Because the money going to the POST Board from the special revenue fund is transferred from the general fund, there is an annual cost to the general fund of \$2,000,000.