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This bill appropriates $250,000 to the Center for Transportation Studies for a study of the transfer of motor fuel tax revenue to various accounts on the basis that some motor fuel tax revenue is attributable to nonhighway fuel usage. It requires a legislative report by November 15, 2011.

The appropriation comes from all of the various accounts that receive motor fuel tax revenue attributed to nonhighway motor fuel use. The amount appropriated for the study from each account is proportional to the amount of motor fuel tax revenue provided to that account (using fiscal year 2010 amounts).

The bill specifies what the study should cover, including: development of an objective and accurate methodology for the study; analysis of each nonhighway motor fuel use; apportioning of fuel use on different facilities (such as public trails, public roads and rights-of-way, and private land); identification of costs incurred by using public facilities; and recommendations for any legislative changes.