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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4897 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Nate Shannon  
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend Public Act 51 of 1951, the Michigan Transportation Fund law, to allow a county road commission to enter an agreement with a county road commission of a non-adjacent county or with the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to perform work on roadways and to purchase and use machinery and equipment.**

Currently, a county road commission may enter into an agreement with a county road commission of an adjacent county and with a city or village to perform work on a highway, road, or street within the limits of the county or adjacent to that county. A county road commission also may enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to perform work on a State trunk line highway and connecting links of the State trunk line highway.<sup>1</sup>

Under the bill, a county road commission could enter into an agreement with another county road commission, regardless of whether the counties were adjacent, to perform work on a highway, road, or street within the limits of either county. A county road commission also could partner with MDOT to this end, deleting the requirement that an agreement with MDOT be in relation only to State trunk line highway. Additionally, a county road commission could contract with MDOT for the purchase and use of equipment or machinery necessary for the construction, maintenance, or operation of a road or highway.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would allow county road commissions to contract with non-adjacent counties in addition to adjacent counties, rather than with only adjacent county road commission for road work. It also would allow for the county road commissions to contract with MDOT for road work beyond State trunkline highways and connecting links. County road commissions also could contract with MDOT for the purchase and use of equipment. The bill would not have a direct fiscal impact on the State or local units of government. The bill could improve efficiency for road agencies.

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<sup>1</sup> The State Trunkline Highway System consists of all the State highways in Michigan, including those designated as Interstate, United States Numbered (US Highways), or State Trunkline highways (M-).

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