

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study and issue a report comparing the Department
3 of Transportation's practices in maintaining and completing
4 infrastructure projects to other SIMILAR states. <--

5 WHEREAS, Investments in road and bridge construction are
6 critical to highway safety, mobility and economic development of
7 this Commonwealth; and

8 ~~WHEREAS, Despite the highest liquid fuels tax in the country, <--~~
9 ~~highest tolled Turnpike in the world and increasing driver fees,~~
10 ~~reliable and sustainable transportation maintenance and~~
11 ~~construction remains a systemic issue in this Commonwealth; and~~

12 ~~WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks second in the nation in number of~~
13 ~~bridges in poor condition and faces a \$8.1 billion shortfall for~~
14 ~~critical infrastructure maintenance; therefore be it~~

15 WHEREAS, DESPITE HAVING ONE OF THE HIGHEST LIQUID FUELS TAXES <--
16 IN THE COUNTRY, INCREASING DRIVER FEES AND TRANSPORTATION
17 MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION REMAIN AN ISSUE IN THIS
18 COMMONWEALTH; AND

19 WHEREAS, PENNSYLVANIA RANKS FIFTH IN THE NATION IN NUMBER OF

1 STATE AND LOCAL BRIDGES WITH DECK AREAS IN POOR CONDITION AND
2 FACES AN \$8.1 BILLION SHORTFALL FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
3 MAINTENANCE; THEREFORE BE IT

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
5 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and
6 issue a report comparing the Department of Transportation's
7 practices in maintaining and completing infrastructure projects
8 to other SIMILAR states; and be it further <--

9 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
10 may choose at its discretion which other states' infrastructure
11 to use for comparison in the report; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the study include:

13 (1) The condition of highways and bridges OF STATES THAT <--
14 OPERATE SIMILAR HIGHWAY SYSTEMS RESPONSIBILITIES to ascertain
15 efficacy of management, funding provided and results
16 achieved.

17 (2) The total dollars and percentage of state
18 transportation funding versus Federal transportation funding.

19 (3) Operation costs and maintenance budgets.

20 (4) Vehicle miles traveled comparing residents and out-
21 of-state vehicles.

22 (5) Total miles of state-owned and maintained highway.

23 (6) The total number of state-owned and maintained
24 bridges.

25 (7) The total number of transportation department
26 employees and average salary rate.

27 (8) Use of new technologies and engineering
28 advancements;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 report its findings to the chair and minority chair of the
2 Transportation Committee of the Senate and the chair and
3 minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the House of
4 Representatives within 18 months of the adoption of this
5 resolution.