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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RYAN AND STAMBAUGH, AUGUST 12, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 12, 2021

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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 ability and practices in maintaining and  
4 completing infrastructure projects to other states and  
5 countries.

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
17 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and  
18 issue a report comparing the Department of Transportation's  
19 ability and practices in maintaining and completing

1 infrastructure projects to other states and countries; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
4 may choose at its discretion which other states' and counties'  
5 infrastructure to use for comparison in the report; and be it  
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the study include:

8 (1) The condition of highways, bridges and other major  
9 assets to ascertain efficacy of management, funding provided  
10 and results achieved.

11 (2) The total dollars and percentage of state  
12 transportation funding versus Federal transportation funding.

13 (3) Operation costs and maintenance budgets.

14 (4) Vehicle miles traveled comparing residents and out-  
15 of-state vehicles.

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

17 (6) The total number of state-owned and maintained  
18 bridges.

19 (7) The average completion time and cost of highway and  
20 bridge projects.

21 (8) The total number of transportation department  
22 employees and average salary rate.

23 (9) Use of new technologies and engineering  
24 advancements;

25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
27 report its findings to the chair and minority chair of the  
28 Transportation Committee of the Senate and the chair and  
29 minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the House of  
30 Representatives within 12 months of the adoption of this

1 resolution.