

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 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, ~~AND bridges and other~~ <--
9 ~~major assets~~ to ascertain efficacy of management, funding
10 provided 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)~~ (7) The total number of transportation department <--
22 employees and average salary rate.

23 ~~(9)~~ (8) 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~~ 18 months of the adoption of this <--

1 resolution.