

(1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION)
ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2

By: Taylor, Stipe and Gustafson
of the Senate

and

Benson, Tyler, Hilliard,
Kirby, and Satterfield of
the House

A Concurrent Resolution relating to roads, bridges and ferries; prohibiting the Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority from engaging in the solicitation or award of certain contracts; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has recognized that a sound transportation infrastructure is paramount to Oklahoma's continued economic viability and that all citizens of the State of Oklahoma should be afforded the safest, most convenient and most reliable roads, bridges, highways and turnpikes possible; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has sought to satisfy this need by approving or appropriating billions of dollars for the largest transportation infrastructure building program in the history of this state; and

WHEREAS, the funding for transportation infrastructure improvements will be generated solely through user fees and taxes paid by citizens of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that highway construction is an important source of jobs, taxes, income and growth in the Oklahoma economy, and that highway construction companies based or domiciled in Oklahoma contribute millions of dollars in employment, taxes and economic development to the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature encourages construction and engineering companies based or domiciled in Oklahoma to participate to the greatest extent possible in all projects let to contract by the Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; and

WHEREAS, current law does not provide, nor has it ever been the intent of the Legislature, that the Department of Transportation or the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority solicit or award any contract for the construction of roads, bridges, highways or turnpikes which includes both the design or engineering portion of a project and also the construction portion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority refrain from engaging in any contract commonly known as design/build or from soliciting or engaging in any contract where the engineering and design of the project is included with or as part of the same construction portion of the project.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the members of the Transportation Commission and the members of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of June, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of June, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives