

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 73

By: Leftwich of the Senate

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Nations of the House

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Department of Transportation to return to state operation core maintenance functions in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has expressed its intent to continue the privatization or the contracting out of core highway maintenance functions in the state's two major metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature has not given the Department of Transportation statutory authority to privatize or contract out core highway maintenance functions in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of University Hospital and Quartz Mountain Lodge, the use of private prison beds, and the downsizing of Eastern State Hospital required statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of the Robert M. Greer Center without state legislative authorization has been overturned by a district court and is pending before the Oklahoma Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the privatization or contracting out of core highway maintenance functions has not proved successful in Oklahoma or other states; and

WHEREAS, snow and ice removal, emergency response, and traffic control are core maintenance functions of state government and should be retained within the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the state and safety of Oklahoma's citizens are not served by privatizing or contracting out core highway maintenance functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to return to state operation the snow and ice removal, emergency response, and traffic control programs in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma Transportation Commission.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2002.

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of Representatives