

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 24

By: Capps

A Resolution relating to rail transportation and spaceport development; directing the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation assess rail transportation needs of spaceport site; directing the Department of Transportation conduct a study of certain rail lines and make certain appraisements; requiring completion of study and report of findings by certain date; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority, created in 1999 by Enrolled Senate Bill No. 720, is responsible for enhancing Oklahoma's economic development through creation of a spaceport system and development of Oklahoma's commercial space industry; and

WHEREAS, this enabling legislation designated an area near Burns Flat, Oklahoma, which is inclusive of the Clinton-Sherman Airpark, as the spaceport site; and

WHEREAS, the existing infrastructure of this site, which includes a rail spur to the Farmrail railroad, was primary to designation of this site as a spaceport; and

WHEREAS, rail transportation is critical to the future development of an aerospace industrial site at the spaceport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation work together to assess the rail transportation needs of the spaceport site.

THAT the Department of Transportation conduct a study of the rail lines that serve the spaceport site, including the spur from the Farmrail line to the site, the Farmrail line that runs from Clinton, Oklahoma, to Altus, Oklahoma, and the Grainbelt line that runs from Clinton, Oklahoma, to Enid, Oklahoma.

THAT the study appraise the load capacity of these lines and the repair and modifications necessary to create a rail transportation system capable of serving an aerospace industrial site at the spaceport.

THAT the study be completed and a report of the findings made to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Chair of the Senate Aerospace and Technology Committee no later than December 1, 2003.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority, the Transportation Commission, and the Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of May, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate