

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1046

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution relating to transportation;  
8 creating the Northwest Passage Interstate Evaluation  
9 Task Force; providing for membership; providing for  
10 appointment of cochairs; providing for travel  
11 reimbursement; providing for administrative support;  
12 providing for duties; and requiring report.

13 WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure of the State of  
14 Oklahoma is the arterial lifeline of the economic future of the  
15 state; and

16 WHEREAS, an interstate highway connecting Oklahoma City and  
17 Denver, Colorado, would be of great economic benefit to the state.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT there is hereby created, to continue until February 1,  
22 2009, the "Northwest Passage Interstate Evaluation Task Force".

23 THAT the Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members:  
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1           1. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3           2. Two members of the State Senate to be appointed by the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

5           3. Two members who represent businesses or communities in  
6 northwest Oklahoma to be appointed by the Governor;

7           4. The Executive Director of the Department of Commerce, or a  
8 designee;

9           5. The Director of the Department of Transportation, or a  
10 designee; and

11           6. The Director of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, or a  
12 designee.

13           THAT the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair  
15 of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of  
16 the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary;

17           THAT appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September  
18 1, 2008. Any vacancies to the Task Force shall be filled by the  
19 original appointing authority;

20           THAT nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be  
21 reimbursed by their respective agencies for necessary travel  
22 expenses incurred in the performance of duties pursuant to the  
23 provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative  
24 members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel

1 expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with  
2 the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 THAT administrative support for the Task Force including, but  
4 not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance  
5 of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be  
6 provided by the state agencies involved in the Task Force, and  
7 supplemented by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
8 and the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall  
9 provide for any administrative support requested by the Task Force.

10 THAT the Task Force shall:

11 1. Review and examine the necessity and practicality of  
12 establishing a four-lane interstate compliant highway between  
13 Oklahoma City and Denver, Colorado;

14 2. Examine traffic and population projections relating to the  
15 potential use of a four-lane interstate compliant highway between  
16 Oklahoma City and Denver, Colorado;

17 3. Review and make recommendations on whether a proposed  
18 highway connecting Oklahoma City and Denver, Colorado, should be  
19 constructed and maintained by the Department of Transportation or  
20 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; and

21 4. Explore any potential private sector interest in  
22 constructing and maintaining a highway between Oklahoma City and  
23 Denver, Colorado.

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1        THAT the Task Force shall publish a report of findings and  
2 recommendations by February 1, 2009, including recommendations for  
3 any resulting legislation.

4        THAT the Task Force shall sunset February 1, 2009.

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