

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1056

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A Resolution relating to railroads; requesting that the Department of Transportation commission a study evaluating the Oklahoma short line rail system; recommending funding source; requesting study include review of certain economic impact; requesting study include review of capacity improvements; and directing distribution of study findings.

WHEREAS, the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission was charged by Congress to develop a plan of improvements to the nation's surface transportation system that will meet the needs of the United States for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the study focused on over 52,000 miles of rail freight corridors which carry the preponderance of rail freight traffic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Railroad Maintenance Revolving Fund is sufficiently funded; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Railroad System is an intergraded 4,000-mile network of Class I and Short Line Railroads; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 miles of Oklahoma's 1,300-mile Short Line Railroad System has undersized rail and is unable to accommodate the modern 286,000-pound rail car; and

WHEREAS, several segments of Oklahoma's 2,700-mile Class I Rail System need capacity improvements to eliminate future congestion of the rail system; and

WHEREAS, the federal study projects substantial infrastructure investment is needed to accommodate rail freight growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives requests the Department of Transportation to authorize a study to evaluate the condition of Oklahoma's Short Line Rail System and identify the approximate cost for the upgrades needed to modernize the Short Line Rail System.

THAT the Department of Transportation obtain the funding for this study from the Oklahoma Railroad Maintenance Revolving Fund.

THAT the Department of Transportation study include the economic impact Short Line Railroads have on the Oklahoma economy.

THAT the Department of Transportation study include an evaluation of the capacity improvements necessary for Oklahoma's Class I Railroads to provide congestion free and efficient rail service in the short term and over the next 25 years.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall distribute copies of the study authorized by this resolution to the Governor, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and all members of the House and Senate.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of May,
2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives