

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1056

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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