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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Innovative Funding for
8 Oklahoma Roads Task Force; creating task force;
9 stating purpose; stating membership; requiring
10 appointments by certain date; providing for staffing
11 and travel reimbursement; providing for
12 administrative support; requiring report by certain
13 date; directing distribution; providing for
14 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
17 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created until December 1, 2011, the
19 "Innovative Funding for Oklahoma Roads Task Force" for the purpose
20 of studying and evaluating innovations, technologies, and new
21 methods being employed nationally and by other states to more
22 adequately and equitably fund road and bridge infrastructure,
23 including both new construction and maintenance. In addition, the
24 task force shall include, but is not limited to, discussions of
proposed reforms to the Federal Highway Law funding formula that

1 encourage states to adopt new funding methods in order to increase
2 their share of federal-aid dollars.

3 B. The Innovative Funding for Oklahoma Roads Task Force shall
4 consist of nine (9) members, as follows:

5 1. The Secretary of Transportation, or a designee;

6 2. A representative from a statewide organization representing
7 counties appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 3. A representative from a transportation advocacy group
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 4. A representative from a statewide organization representing
11 municipalities appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12 5. A representative from a road and bridge organization
13 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

14 6. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

16 7. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

18 Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner
19 as the original appointment.

20 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
21 Oklahoma House of Representatives shall each designate one of the
22 legislative members appointed to the task force to serve as co-
23 chair.

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1 Appointments made pursuant to this section shall be finalized no
2 later than July 1, 2010.

3 The co-chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force.
4 The task force shall meet as often as it deems necessary. Members
5 of the task force shall serve without compensation. Nonlegislative
6 task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for
7 travel expenses related to their service on the task force by their
8 appointing authority in accordance with the provisions of the State
9 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task force
10 shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in
11 the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of
12 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 Administrative support for the task force shall be provided by
14 the Department of Transportation to be supplemented, if necessary,
15 by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State
16 Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide for any
17 administrative support as requested by the task force.

18 C. In addition to the directives previously outlined in
19 subsection A of this section, the task force shall study, receive
20 testimony, deliberate upon and make recommendations on all aspects
21 concerning potential improved and innovative methods for funding
22 transportation infrastructure.

23 The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
24 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 1,
2 2011. The report shall be prepared by the staff of the Department
3 of Transportation.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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