

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1021

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution requesting a performance
10 audit of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority; stating
11 impact of certain proposed projects on citizens of
12 Oklahoma; recognizing certain authority; requesting
13 the performance audit contain certain information;
14 requiring distribution of certain report; and
15 directing distribution.

16 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority was created and
17 authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1968 with the
18 purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating turnpike
19 projects in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is authorized to issue
21 bonds to finance the construction, maintenance, and operations of
22 turnpike projects in this state; and

23 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has proposed
24 constructing a series of additional turnpikes throughout this state
25 during the next fifteen (15) years and issuing bonds in the amount
26 of Five Billion Dollars (\$5,000,000,000.00); and

1 WHEREAS, as a part of the fifteen-year plan, the Oklahoma
2 Turnpike Authority has proposed constructing a twenty-nine-mile
3 southern extension of the Kickapoo Turnpike running from Interstate
4 40 in Oklahoma City and connecting to Interstate 35 near the City of
5 Purcell which would run through the eastern part of the City of
6 Norman and surrounding communities; and

7 WHEREAS, as a part of the fifteen-year plan, the Oklahoma
8 Turnpike Authority has proposed constructing a twenty-eight-mile
9 outer loop east to west connector from the I-44 Tri-City area then
10 east to I-35 and then east to I-40 which would run through the City
11 of Moore and the City of Norman; and

12 WHEREAS, the proposed southern extension and east to west
13 connector threaten the property and livelihoods of residents along
14 the proposed route and may cause irreparable harm to the water table
15 vital to the City of Norman, City of Midwest City, and the City of
16 Del City, and surrounding communities; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature is authorized to request
18 performance audits of governmental entities as provided for in
19 Section 213.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:
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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby requests the Office
2 of the State Auditor and Inspector to conduct a performance audit of
3 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority every two (2) years.

4 THAT the audit shall answer the following questions:

5 1. A determination of the amount of revenue that is required to
6 be generated in order for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to repay
7 the original cost of existing turnpikes and the length of time it
8 will take to generate the funds so that turnpikes can be conveyed to
9 state ownership and converted to toll-free roads; and

10 2. Assess risk within the agency and develop performance audit
11 objectives every two years.

12 THAT the State Auditor and Inspector, as part of the performance
13 audit of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, shall identify the value
14 and purchase price of all private property acquired by the Oklahoma
15 Turnpike Authority for the southern extension of the Kickapoo
16 Turnpike and ACCESS Oklahoma projects in Cleveland County, then
17 shall:

18 1. Determine if source of funds used to purchase the properties
19 was allowable in accordance with state law and if the deeds
20 associated with those properties have been filed with the County
21 Register of Deeds where the property is located; and

22 2. Determine if the purchase price of each property was
23 evaluated and negotiated in accordance with state law. In addition,
24 determine whether property owners were permitted to occupy the real

1 property acquired on a rental basis subsequent to the purchases, and
2 verify that rent did not exceed the fair rental values of the
3 property in accordance with state law.

4 THAT the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector shall provide
5 a written report of the performance audit to the Governor, President
6 Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
7 Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency, and members of the
8 Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of
9 Representatives.

10 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State
11 Auditor and Inspector and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

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