

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to evaluate and report on the feasibility of tolling highways and bridges in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to evaluate and
3 report on the feasibility of tolling highways and bridges in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, most major highways and bridges in the United States are built with
5 public funds and are free to all users, as roads have been viewed as a socially beneficial
6 activity; and

7 WHEREAS, highways and bridges facilitate economic activity while connecting
8 communities and providing access for all to vital services; and

9 WHEREAS, in recent years, however, costs for construction and maintenance of
10 highways and bridges have increased which has forced transportation officials and industry
11 leaders to seek alternative funding sources; and

12 WHEREAS, the imposition of tolls on highways and bridges has grown because toll
13 collection provides a mechanism for financing construction and maintenance for new
14 highways and bridges in states facing budget problems; and

15 WHEREAS, the report of Governor Edwards' Transition Committee on
16 Transportation stated Louisiana had a \$12.7 billion need in highway and bridge projects and
17 provided a cafeteria menu of potential sources of new revenue for transportation
18 infrastructure projects; and

1 WHEREAS, the cafeteria menu put forth by Governor Edwards' Transition
2 Committee on Transportation included tolls as an option to be considered as a potential
3 source of new revenue for transportation infrastructure projects.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
6 Development to evaluate and report on the feasibility of tolling highways and bridges in
7 Louisiana.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report be submitted to the House and
9 Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works and the state representative
10 representing District 17 no later than February 1, 2017.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the
12 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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