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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to highways and bridges; to create the Highway
- 2 Finance Task Force; to provide duties; to require a
- 3 report; and to provide a termination date.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) the Highway Finance Task Force is created.

2 (2) The Highway Finance Task Force shall consist of the
3 following fifteen members:

4 (a) The chairperson of the Transportation and
5 Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature;

6 (b) The Director-State Engineer of the Department of
7 Roads;

8 (c) The following seven members appointed by the
9 Executive Board of the Legislature:

10 (i) A member of the Transportation and Telecommunications
11 Committee;

12 (ii) A representative of a city of the metropolitan
13 class;

14 (iii) A representative of a city of the primary class;

15 (iv) A representative of a city of the first class;

16 (v) A representative of a city of the second class or a
17 village;

18 (vi) Two representatives of county boards of
19 commissioners; and

20 (d) The following six members appointed by the Governor:

21 (i) A representative of the Department of Roads;

22 (ii) Two members of the State Highway Commission;

23 (iii) A representative of the road construction industry;

24 (iv) Two members appointed at-large.

25 (3) The chairperson of the Transportation and

1 Telecommunications Committee shall serve as the chairperson of the
2 Highway Finance Task Force.

3 (4) The Highway Finance Task Force shall examine issues
4 related to street and road funding, including, but not limited to,
5 the following:

6 (a) Future state and local highway cost projections
7 compared to projected revenue;

8 (b) The sustainability of current sources of Highway
9 Trust Fund revenue;

10 (c) Alternative sources of highway funding revenue;

11 (d) The percentage division of Highway Trust Fund
12 receipts between the state and the Highway Allocation Fund;

13 (e) The percentage division of the Highway Allocation
14 Fund between cities and counties;

15 (f) Factors and weightings used to distribute highway
16 allocation funds to both cities and counties;

17 (g) The effects of rural-to-urban transition on highway
18 allocation funding;

19 (h) Strategies for creating greater efficiency in
20 financing state and local highways; and

21 (i) Strategies to promote the development of innovative
22 ideas aimed at reducing highway funding needs.

23 (5) The Highway Finance Task Force shall hold at least
24 three meetings open to the public to be called by the chairperson
25 of the task force.

1 (6) All state and local agencies shall cooperate with
2 the Highway Finance Task Force and provide such data and other
3 information as the task force may require in carrying out its
4 duties under this section.

5 (7) The Department of Roads shall provide adequate staff
6 resources to assist the Highway Finance Task Force and shall work
7 with any staff which may be provided by other task force members.

8 (8) The Highway Finance Task Force shall complete a
9 written report of its findings and recommendations and submit
10 the report to the Clerk of the Legislature, the Transportation
11 and Telecommunications Committee, and the Governor no later than
12 December 1, 2007.

13 (9) Members of the Highway Finance Task Force shall be
14 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
15 performance of their duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to
16 81-1177.

17 (10) This section shall terminate on December 31, 2007.