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LEGISLATIVE BILL 449

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the state highway system; to amend section
- 2 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change
- 3 provisions related to the priority of projects and requirements of
- 4 the state highway system plan; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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- 1 Section 1. Section 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 2 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 39-1365.01 <u>(1)</u> The department shall be responsible for developing a
- 4 specific and long-range state highway system plan. The department shall
- 5 annually formulate plans to meet the state highway system needs of all
- 6 facets of the state and shall assign priorities for such needs. The
- 7 department shall, on or before December 1 of each year, present such
- 8 plans and the report required in section 39-1365.02 to the Legislature.
- 9 The plans shall be referred to the appropriate standing committees of the
- 10 Legislature for review.
- 11 (2) The department shall consider the preservation of the existing
- 12 state highway system asset as its primary priority except as may
- 13 otherwise be provided in state or federal law. In establishing secondary
- 14 priorities, the department shall consider a variety of factors,
- 15 including, but not limited to, current and projected traffic volume,
- 16 safety requirements, economic development needs, current and projected
- 17 demographic trends, and enhancement of the quality of life for all
- 18 Nebraska citizens. The state highway system plan shall:
- 19 <u>(a) Include</u> include the designation of those portions of the state
- 20 highway system which shall be expressways; and -
- 21 (b) Account for highway revenue raised by each district specified in
- 22 section 39-1102. Not less than seventy percent of revenue raised in each
- 23 <u>district shall be allocated to any project within the district.</u>
- 24 Sec. 2. Original section 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 25 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.