

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of incorporating an interstate highway signage maintenance and reporting program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the
3 feasibility of incorporating an interstate highway signage maintenance and reporting
4 program.

5 WHEREAS, interstate highway signage serves a critical function in ensuring
6 transportation safety, facilitating effective navigation, and upholding the state's public
7 image; and

8 WHEREAS, when interstate highway signage is obscured by dirt or damaged by road
9 debris or other means it creates many challenges to their functionality; and

10 WHEREAS, it is currently federally mandated that interstate highway signs be
11 cleaned twice per year; and

12 WHEREAS, there are federal grants available for a variety of highway issues,
13 including addressing the maintenance of highway signs, such as the Safe Streets and Roads
14 for All Grant Program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, and the Rural
15 Surface Transportation Grant Program; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development does not have a
17 procedure for maintaining and cleaning interstate highway signs; and

18 WHEREAS, instead of maintenance and cleaning of signs, the usual procedure of the
19 department is to replace the signs; and

1 WHEREAS, the federal government is in full support of a P.I.L.O.T. program to
2 establish a system for maintenance of interstate highway signs; and

3 WHEREAS, simply implementing a comprehensive statewide highway sign
4 maintenance and reporting program by routinely cleaning, applying protective treatments,
5 reporting damages, and documenting the status of signs serves as an effective solution to any
6 sign issues; and

7 WHEREAS, the maintenance cost per sign is between two hundred fifty to four
8 hundred seventy-five dollars; and

9 WHEREAS, the replacement cost per sign is between four thousand three hundred
10 fifty to six thousand six hundred fifty dollars; and

11 WHEREAS, routine maintenance of signs may double the expected lifespan of these
12 signs; and

13 WHEREAS, the implementation of an interstate highway maintenance program will
14 likely result in the creation of approximately twenty new positions; and

15 WHEREAS, the safety and overall well-being of the citizens of Louisiana would
16 benefit from interstate highway signage maintenance.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
19 Development to study the feasibility of incorporating an interstate highway signage
20 maintenance and reporting program to promote the safety and well-being of the state.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
22 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings relative to the benefits and
23 feasibility of incorporating an interstate highway maintenance program within the state to
24 the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works prior to January 1,
25 2027.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) study the benefits and feasibility of incorporating an interstate hwy. maintenance program. Requires the DOTD submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee before Jan. 1, 2027.