

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES