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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study I-12 express tolling operations compared to the tolling practices of other states.

WHEREAS, the purpose of tolled managed lanes in other states is to keep traffic moving at a speed of at least 50 mph; and

WHEREAS, the traffic speeds are managed through dynamic pricing as it fluctuates based on congestion in the lanes; and

WHEREAS, the price increase helps keep express lanes from becoming congested; and

WHEREAS, the express lanes in some states are optional, price-managed lanes that complement existing interstates in some of the most congested corridors; and

WHEREAS, the operation of pricing aspects of the lanes, including all customer service functions in most states are managed by private-sectors in exchange for toll revenue from express lanes; and

WHEREAS, express lanes use FasTrak for the electronic collection of tolls; and

WHEREAS, the overhead electronic pricing signs display the toll rate required to use the express lanes for specific locations; and

WHEREAS, toll systems are fully electronic and roadside equipment recognizes the FasTrak tag to automatically deduct the toll from the prepaid balance of the account holder; and

WHEREAS, collecting tolls makes it possible to carry out large infrastructure projects that are financed directly by users; and

WHEREAS, at minimum, the focus of the study shall be as follows:

(1) To develop a systematic, analytical framework and to evaluate the effect of the toll system's benefits.

(2) To remedy problems before they occur; such as the effect tolling would have on the travel time for the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the I-12 express tolling compared to the toll practices of other states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works detailing its findings by January 1, 2025.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE