

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 25

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution requesting a performance
8 audit of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the
9 Department of Transportation; stating impact of
10 certain proposed projects on citizens of Oklahoma;
11 recognizing certain authority; requesting the
12 performance audit contain certain information;
13 requiring distribution of certain report; and
14 directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority was created and
16 authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1968 with the
17 purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating turnpike
18 projects in this state; and

19 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is authorized to issue
20 bonds to finance the construction, maintenance, and operations of
21 turnpike projects in this state; and

22 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has proposed
23 constructing a series of additional turnpikes throughout this state
24 during the next fifteen (15) years and issuing bonds in the amount
25 of Five Billion Dollars (\$5,000,000,000.00); and

1 WHEREAS, as a part of the fifteen-year plan, the Oklahoma
2 Turnpike Authority has proposed constructing a twenty-nine-mile
3 southern extension of the Kickapoo Turnpike running from Interstate
4 40 in Oklahoma City and connecting to Interstate 35 near the City of
5 Purcell which would run through the eastern part of the City of
6 Norman and surrounding communities; and

7 WHEREAS, as a part of the fifteen-year plan, the Oklahoma
8 Turnpike Authority has proposed constructing a twenty-eight-mile
9 outer loop east to west connector from the I-44 Tri-City area then
10 east to I-35 and then east to I-40 which would run through the City
11 of Moore and the City of Norman; and

12 WHEREAS, the proposed southern extension and east to west
13 connector threaten the property and livelihoods of residents along
14 the proposed route and will cause irreparable harm to the water
15 table vital to the City of Norman, City of Midwest City, and the
16 City of Del City, and surrounding communities; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature is authorized to request
18 performance audits of governmental entities as provided for in
19 Section 213.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
21 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby requests the Office
24 of the State Auditor and Inspector to conduct a performance audit of

1 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation
2 no later than December 1, 2022.

3 THAT the audit shall answer the following questions:

4 1. A determination of the amount of revenue that is required to
5 be generated in order for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to repay
6 the original cost of existing turnpikes and the length of time it
7 will take to generate the funds so that turnpikes can be conveyed to
8 state ownership and converted to toll-free roads; and

9 2. Assess risk within the agency and develop performance audit
10 objectives during each audit cycle.

11 THAT the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector shall provide
12 a written report of the performance audit to the Governor, President
13 Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency, and members of the
15 Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of
16 Representatives.

17 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State
18 Auditor and Inspector, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, and the
19 Secretary of Transportation.

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