

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 28

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

16 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is authorized to issue
17 bonds to finance the construction, maintenance, and operations of
18 turnpike projects in this state; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby requests the Office
22 of the State Auditor and Inspector to conduct a performance audit of
23 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority no later than December 1, 2022.

24 THAT the audit shall answer the following questions:
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1 1. A determination of the amount of revenue that is required to
2 be generated in order for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to repay
3 the original cost of existing turnpikes and the length of time it
4 will take to generate the funds so that turnpikes can be conveyed to
5 state ownership and converted to toll-free roads; and

6 2. Assess risk within the agency and develop performance audit
7 objectives during each audit cycle.

8 THAT the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority release information of all
9 real property acquired for the Kickapoo Turnpike and ACCESS Oklahoma
10 projects in Cleveland County including:

11 1. All deeds between the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, the
12 Department of Transportation, and private property owners whether
13 the deeds are recorded with the county clerk;

14 2. Amount paid for property;

15 3. Amount of state funds used to purchase property for right-
16 of-way access;

17 4. Copies of contracts between the state and property owners;

18 and

19 5. Any rental or lease agreements between the state and
20 property owners.

21 THAT the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector shall provide
22 a written report of the performance audit to the Governor, President
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency, and members of the

1 Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of
2 Representatives.

3 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State
4 Auditor and Inspector and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

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