

The Senate Transportation Committee offered the following substitute to SR 503:

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Transportation to proceed with the initiation in 2005 of a pilot
2 performance based asset management project for highway maintenance or bundling of
3 certain maintenance functions; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, like many states throughout the country today, is facing
5 tough challenges with transportation infrastructure; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation currently operates, maintains, and
7 improves the existing 18,086 miles of roads and highways in Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, vehicle miles traveled on our roadways in Georgia continue to increase by two
9 percent annually, while budgetary constraints make it more and more difficult to keep up
10 with the overwhelming needs of the traveling public; and

11 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has estimated that 12 percent of the
12 bridges in Georgia are either structurally deficient; and

13 WHEREAS, no federal funding can be used for maintenance of bridges or roadways,
14 requiring the state to use 100 percent state motor fuel tax; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Transportation are
16 attempting to meet these challenges and are deserving of support in fully exploring all
17 avenues for innovation and improvement; and

18 WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Economic Development governing
19 the Department of Transportation budget held a hearing in 2005 to hear testimony on "best
20 practices" in other states including piloting programs involving a "performance based asset
21 management" approach to transportation maintenance; and

1 WHEREAS, particularly the State of Florida's Department of Transportation has embarked
2 upon an asset management program for maintenance that has generated proven cost savings
3 of 17 percent without impacting the level of service; and

4 WHEREAS, other state Departments of Transportation, such as the Texas Department of
5 Transportation, have found that management tools other than performance based asset
6 management, like building of certain noncost effective maintenance functions or blending
7 of public and private resources provides better utilization of resources; and

8 WHEREAS, the Senate is committed to investigating new and innovative means to save tax
9 dollars while at the same time providing a high level of service to the citizens of our state;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the commissioner of the Department of Transportation has during the past year
12 initiated a research study to determine the feasibility of applying asset management concepts
13 and other management tools, such as bundling of maintenance functions or blended
14 public-private resources to highway maintenance in Georgia.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 recommend the Department of Transportation to consider the feasibility of a pilot
17 performance based asset management project or other management tool such as bundling of
18 maintenance functions or blending of public-private resources for highway maintenance in
19 a location or district it deems most feasible for the benefit of the citizens of the State of
20 Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Department of
23 Transportation.