Senate Resolution 1047

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th and Reed of the 35th

AS PASSED

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to consolidate its county barns and privatize road maintenance functions; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation maintains multiple barns throughout this state to store its equipment; and

WHEREAS, if possible, the department should consolidate these barns into regional storage areas, rather than maintaining as many barns throughout this state; and

WHEREAS, many of the road maintenance functions performed on state roads by Department of Transportation personnel or contractors hired by the department, such as mowing alongside roads or striping roads, are also performed by county personnel on county roads; and

WHEREAS, the department should consider contracting with counties or the private sector, where feasible, to save taxpayers money and raise the efficiency of road maintenance throughout this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this body urges the Department of Transportation to develop a strategy to consolidate its barns and road maintenance operations in order to save taxpayers money and improve efficiency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the Department of Transportation to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2008, on its progress in consolidating its barns and road maintenance operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation and to each member of the State Transportation Board.