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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Krebs, Boomgarden, Noem, Putnam, and Rausch and  
Senators Vehle, Ahlers, Garnos, and Peterson at the request of the Interim  
Committee on South Dakota Highway Needs and Financing

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a Highway Finance Task Force to study long-term  
2 highway needs and to reform the method of financing highways in the state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. There is hereby established the Highway Finance Task Force. The task force shall  
5 consist of the following fifteen members:

6 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the  
7 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from one political  
8 party;

9 (2) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members of the Senate,  
10 no more than two of whom may be from one political party;

11 (3) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the Department of  
12 Transportation;

13 (4) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the Bureau of Finance and  
14 Management;



- 1 (5) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the Associated General  
2 Contractors of South Dakota;
- 3 (6) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the South Dakota Highway  
4 Users Conference;
- 5 (7) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the South Dakota Municipal  
6 League;
- 7 (8) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the South Dakota Association  
8 of County Commissioners; and
- 9 (9) The Governor shall appoint one representative from the South Dakota Association  
10 of Towns and Townships.

11 Section 2. The Highway Finance Task Force shall study the overall availability and  
12 distribution of highway funding sources between state and local government entities. The task  
13 force shall also study following issues:

- 14 (1) Projected long term state and local highway needs;
- 15 (2) Allocation and distribution of responsibility for all highway segments within the  
16 state;
- 17 (3) Future state and local highway cost projections compared to projected revenue;
- 18 (4) The sustainability of current sources of the state highway fund;
- 19 (5) Alternative sources of highway funding revenue and looking at ways of reforming the  
20 system of financing highways to meet future highway needs;
- 21 (6) Strategies for creating greater efficiency in financing state and local highways;
- 22 (7) Strategies to promote the development of innovative ideas aimed at reducing  
23 highway funding needs; and
- 24 (8) Future potential and possible impacts of declining federal funds for highway

1 construction.

2 Section 3. The initial appointments shall be made no later than August 1, 2009. If there is  
3 a vacancy on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
4 appointment.

5 Section 4. The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the  
6 Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee. The  
7 Executive Board shall appoint the chair and the vice chair from among the legislators appointed  
8 to the task force.

9 Section 5. The task force shall evaluate the issues identified in section 2 of this Act and  
10 make recommendations on strategies and financing to meet the state and local highway needs.  
11 Based on these recommendations, the task force shall submit its recommendations and draft  
12 legislation to the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council in one or more reports  
13 no later than November 1, 2010, and to the Governor and the Legislature no later than  
14 December 15, 2010.