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H.B. No. 3363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the financing of state highways and the Trans-Texas Corridor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. TRANSPORTATION FUNDING REPORT. Subchapter A, Chapter 222, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 222.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 222.004. FUNDING REPORT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS. (a) The department annually shall compile a report for each district identifying the total amount of obligated funds and the total amount of discretionary funds available for the district.

(b) Not later than October 1, the department shall distribute copies of the report under Subsection (a) to each city, county, and state elected official in the district.

SECTION 2. MORATORIUM ON TOLLS BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. The Texas Department of Transportation may not impose a toll on any portion of a state highway or roadway that did not have a toll in effect on or before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR. The Texas Department of Transportation and any other person may not use state, federal, or other funds to implement the plan for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

SECTION 4. SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY FINANCING. (a) A

1 select committee is established to perform a comprehensive study of
2 the Trans-Texas Corridor plan and the use of tolls, bonds, and other
3 revenue sources for the financing of state highway and roadway
4 construction and maintenance.

5 (b) The committee shall be composed of 15 members. Five
6 members shall be appointed by the governor, five members shall be
7 appointed by the lieutenant governor, and five members shall be
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The
9 members of the committee shall elect one member as presiding
10 officer. The committee shall hold meetings and public hearings at
11 the call of the presiding officer. The committee shall make a
12 complete report, including findings and recommendations and drafts
13 of any legislation considered necessary, available to the public
14 not later than October 1, 2006. Before October 1, 2006, copies of
15 the report shall be delivered to the governor, the lieutenant
16 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

17 (c) This section and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act expire
18 September 1, 2007.

19 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
20 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
21 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
22 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
23 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.