

1-1 By: Pickett, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2612
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2015;
 1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 14, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a report to the legislature regarding the elimination
 1-20 of toll roads.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Not later than September 1, 2016, the Texas
 1-23 Department of Transportation shall submit to each standing
 1-24 committee of the senate and house of representatives that has
 1-25 primary jurisdiction over transportation matters a report that:

1-26 (1) lists the amount of debt service on bonds issued
 1-27 for each toll project in this state;

1-28 (2) identifies, based on criteria provided by the
 1-29 Texas Transportation Commission, bonds that would be appropriate
 1-30 for accelerated or complete lump-sum payment of debt service; and

1-31 (3) proposes a plan to eliminate all toll roads in this
 1-32 state, except for tolls on roads constructed, operated, or
 1-33 maintained only with proceeds from the issuance of bonds by a toll
 1-34 project entity other than the department, by methods including:

1-35 (A) the accelerated or complete lump-sum payment
 1-36 of debt service on bonds identified under Subdivision (1); or

1-37 (B) requiring, as a condition on receipt of state
 1-38 financial assistance, a commitment by a toll project entity to
 1-39 eliminate toll collection on a project for which the financial
 1-40 assistance is provided.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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