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H.C.R. No. 28

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Testing the emissions of later model cars no longer  
2 yields significant benefits in terms of air quality; and

3 WHEREAS, In recent years, auto manufacturers have  
4 dramatically improved their products, and vehicles are becoming  
5 more fuel efficient and less polluting; moreover, consumers  
6 increasingly favor lower emission vehicles, including hybrids and  
7 electric cars; and

8 WHEREAS, The emissions inspection failure rate for all  
9 vehicles across Texas is about five percent; while 13.5 percent of  
10 1992 vehicles tested in 2016 failed inspection, a mere two percent  
11 of 2014 vehicles failed; meanwhile, automakers are continuing to  
12 make significant advancements in the realm of emissions control;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Currently, testing is conducted on vehicles between  
15 2 and 24 years old; safety inspections commence at the two-year  
16 mark, and the state determined that the Texas Commission on  
17 Environmental Quality could meet all federal requirements without  
18 testing those vehicles that remain on the road a quarter century or  
19 more; and

20 WHEREAS, Texans spend some \$200 million annually on emissions  
21 testing, yet the percentage of later model vehicles that do not meet  
22 emissions standards is likely to continue decreasing; the TCEQ  
23 could reduce the burden on the driving public by targeting only  
24 those vehicles that are statistically most likely to fail emissions

1 inspections; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
3 1st Called Session, hereby direct the Texas Commission on  
4 Environmental Quality to identify the minimum state motor vehicle  
5 inspection and maintenance program necessary in order to maintain  
6 air quality in compliance with the provisions of the federal Clean  
7 Air Act and, if appropriate, to develop a state implementation plan  
8 revision and necessary rules to revise the program to meet but not  
9 exceed the minimum requirements; and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the commission submit any resulting state  
11 implementation plan revision and rules to the U.S. Environmental  
12 Protection Agency for approval and, if approval is forthcoming,  
13 implement the revised program and submit to the legislature a list  
14 of any recommended statutory changes to facilitate implementation  
15 of a minimum program; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
17 copies of this resolution to the chair of the commission and to the  
18 executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental  
19 Quality.