

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1853, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section
2 and line the following:

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4 "21.795. 1. There is established a permanent joint committee of the general assembly to
5 be known as the "Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight" to be composed of seven
6 members of the standing transportation committees of both the senate and the house of
7 representatives and three nonvoting ex officio members. Of the fourteen members to be
8 appointed to the joint committee, the seven senate members of the joint committee shall be
9 appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and minority leader of the senate and the seven
10 house members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the
11 minority floor leader of the house of representatives. The seven senate members shall be
12 composed, as nearly as may be, of majority and minority party members in the same proportion
13 as the number of majority and minority party members in the senate bears to the total
14 membership of the senate. No major party shall be represented by more than four members from
15 the house of representatives. The ex officio members shall be the state auditor, the director of
16 the oversight division of the committee on legislative research, and the commissioner of the
17 office of administration or the designee of such auditor, director or commissioner. The joint
18 committee shall be chaired jointly by both chairs of the senate and house transportation
19 committees. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a
20 majority of the members, other than the ex officio members, shall be required for the
21 determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

22 2. The department of transportation shall submit a written report prior to December
23 thirty-first of each year to the governor and the lieutenant governor. The report shall be posted to
24 the department's internet website so that general assembly members may elect to access a copy
25 of the report electronically. The written report shall contain the following:

26 (1) A comprehensive financial report of all funds for the preceding state fiscal year
27 which shall include a report by independent certified public accountants, selected by the
28 commissioner of the office of administration, attesting that the financial statements present fairly
29 the financial position of the department in conformity with generally accepted government
30 accounting principles;

31 (2) A copy of the department's most current and annual publication titled "Citizen's
32 Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri";

33 (3) A copy of the department's most current and annual publication titled "Financial
34 Snapshot - An appendix to the Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri",
35 including a summary of the department's personnel expenses, as such term is defined under
36 section 226.040;

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1 (4) A copy of the department's most current and annual publication titled "MoDOT
2 Results: Accountability. Innovation. Efficiency."

3 3. Prior to February fifteenth of each year, the committee shall hold an annual meeting
4 and call before its members, officials or employees of the state highways and transportation
5 commission or department of transportation, as determined by the committee, for the sole
6 purpose of receiving and examining the report required pursuant to subsection 2 of this section.
7 The committee shall not have the power to modify projects or priorities of the state highways
8 and transportation commission or department of transportation. The committee may make
9 recommendations to the state highways and transportation commission or the department of
10 transportation. Disposition of those recommendations shall be reported by the commission or
11 the department to the joint committee on transportation oversight.

12 4. In addition to the annual meeting required by subsection 3 of this section, the
13 committee shall meet two times each year. The co-chairs of the committee shall establish an
14 agenda for each meeting that may include, but not be limited to, the following items to be
15 discussed with the committee members throughout the year during the scheduled meeting:

16 (1) Presentation of a prioritized plan for all modes of transportation;

17 (2) Discussion of department efficiencies and expenditure of cost-savings within the
18 department;

19 (3) Presentation of a status report on department of transportation revenues and
20 expenditures, including a detailed summary of projects funded by new state revenue as provided
21 in paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section; and

22 (4) Implementation of any actions as may be deemed necessary by the committee as
23 authorized by law. The co-chairs of the committee may call special meetings of the committee
24 with ten days' notice to the members of the committee, the director of the department of
25 transportation, and the department of transportation.

26 5. The committee shall also review all applications for the development of specialty
27 plates submitted to it by the department of revenue. The committee shall approve such
28 application by a majority vote. The committee shall approve any application unless the
29 committee receives:

30 (1) A signed petition from five house members or two senators that they are opposed to
31 the approval of the proposed license plate and the reason for such opposition;

32 (2) Notification that the organization seeking authorization to establish a new specialty
33 license plate has not met all the requirements of section 301.3150;

34 (3) A proposed new specialty license plate containing objectionable language or design;

35 (4) A proposed license plate not meeting the requirements of any reason promulgated by
36 rule.

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38 The committee shall notify the director of the department of revenue upon approval or denial of
39 an application for the development of a specialty plate.

40 6. The committee shall submit records of its meetings to the secretary of the senate and
41 the chief clerk of the house of representatives in accordance with sections 610.020 and 610.023.

42 226.040. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

43 (1) "Personnel expenses", any funds expended by the department of transportation for the
44 purpose of employee salaries, wages, benefits, and post-employment benefits;

45 (2) "Governor's recommended increase", the average percentage increase for personnel
46 expenses recommended by the governor in the annual executive budget for state departments

1 other than the department of transportation.

2 2. The state highways and transportation commission shall appoint a chief executive
 3 officer with the title of director of the Missouri department of transportation. The director shall
 4 serve at the pleasure of the commission. The director shall be a citizen and a resident of this
 5 state, shall have had executive management experience for at least five years, and may be a
 6 registered professional engineer. The director's duties shall include appointment of a chief
 7 engineer, a chief financial officer and other department heads, engineers and other employees as
 8 the commission may designate and deem necessary. Under the direction of the commission, the
 9 director shall have general charge of, and be responsible for, the overall operations and
 10 performance of the department. The director shall provide quarterly to the commission at its
 11 regularly scheduled meetings a current unaudited written version of the report required in
 12 subsection 2 of section 21.795 with changes from the most recent audited report clearly marked.
 13 Such report shall be made available to the public.

14 3. (1) For each fiscal year that the department of transportation's annual percentage
 15 increase in total personnel expenses, as reported in the annual report required under section
 16 21.795, exceeds the governor's recommended increase for the same fiscal year, the general
 17 assembly shall have the authority to dismiss the director of the department of transportation.

18 (2) Such dismissal shall require a two-thirds vote of the members elected to each
 19 chamber of the general assembly.

20 4. The department of revenue, in consultation with the department of transportation, shall
 21 annually determine the percentage increase in the department of transportation's personnel
 22 expenses and compare it to the governor's recommended increase for other state departments
 23 and shall report its findings to the joint committee on transportation oversight by November first
 24 of each year.

25 5. The department of revenue, in consultation with the department of
 26 transportation, may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the
 27 administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
 28 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
 29 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
 30 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable
 31 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
 32 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
 33 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
 34 adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.

35 ~~[2-]~~ 6. The chief engineer shall be a registered professional engineer responsible for
 36 preparation and approval of all engineering documents, plans and specifications and shall have
 37 general oversight of construction and maintenance work for the department as determined by the
 38 director.

39 ~~[3-]~~ 7. Engineers of the department responsible for supervising the activities of road and
 40 bridge design, construction, maintenance and materials inspection and analysis shall be
 41 registered professional engineers in this state."; and

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 43 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
 44 accordingly.