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HOUSE BILL NO. 1299

Introduced by: Representatives Vehle, Ahlers, Carson, Dreyer, Feinstein, Jerke, Lust, Sigdestad, Steele, Street, and Willadsen and Senators Hauge, Dempster, Jerstad, McCracken, and Nesselhuf

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish a task force to study highway needs and
2 financing of highway needs in the state and to declare an emergency.

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

4 Section 1. There is established a task force to study highway needs and the financing of
5 highway needs in the state. The task force shall investigate the current status, the safety, the
6 expected life, and the needs of state, county, municipal, and township highways in the state, and
7 the associated construction and maintenance costs related to those needs. The task force shall
8 review the taxes and fees that have been implemented to fund these highway needs at the state,
9 county, municipal, and township levels. The task force shall also consider the future potential
10 and possible impacts of declining federal funds for highway construction. The task force shall
11 make recommendations to the Legislature as to whether the taxes and fees that have been
12 implemented are adequate to meet current and future highway needs or whether there needs to
13 be changes to the system of funding highways needs in the state and, if so, what those changes
14 should be. The task force shall make its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature



1 by November 15, 2008.

2 Section 2. The task force shall consist of seventeen members. Ten of the task force members
3 shall be members of the Legislature. Five members shall be current members of the Senate, with
4 no more than three of the same political party, and five members shall be current members of
5 the House of Representative, with no more than three of the same political party. The Executive
6 Board of the Legislative Research Council shall appoint the members of the Legislature to serve
7 on the task force by May 1, 2008. The Governor shall appoint the remaining members of the
8 task force by May 1, 2008. Of the remaining members of the task force: one member shall
9 represent the State Transportation Commission, one member shall represent the Department of
10 Transportation, one member shall represent counties, one member shall represent municipalities,
11 one member shall represent townships, one member shall represent highway contractors, and
12 one member shall represent the business community in the state.

13 Section 3. The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the
14 Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee. The
15 executive board shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the task force who shall be members
16 of the Legislature.

17 Section 4. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
18 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
19 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.