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~~light rail expansion; participation; prohibition~~
(now: light rail expansion; feasibility review)

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SENATE BILL 1332

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY FOR LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Light rail construction; state participation;
3 prohibition; report; delayed repeal; definitions

4 A. On or before December 31, 2027, the auditor general, in
5 coordination with an independent transportation research entity, shall
6 conduct a comprehensive feasibility review of light rail expansion in
7 Maricopa county and submit a report on their findings. The report shall
8 be submitted to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker
9 of the house of representatives and a copy shall be provided to the
10 secretary of state and to the mayor of Phoenix and each member of the
11 Phoenix city council. The comprehensive feasibility review may not
12 presume the superiority of any mode of transit and shall include:

13 1. Capital and operating cost comparisons between a light rail and
14 autonomous or semi-autonomous transit vehicles, including bus rapid
15 transit, passenger vans and shuttle systems.

16 2. A comparison of the environmental impact per dollar invested for
17 acquiring, constructing and operating a light rail.

18 3. Analysis of the long-term economic benefits and costs between
19 light rail and autonomous or semi-autonomous transit vehicles, including
20 bus rapid transit, passenger vans and shuttle systems.

21 4. Flexibility, scalability and adaptability to population shifts.

22 5. Long-term maintenance and replacement costs.

23 6. Policy recommendations regarding future state involvement in
24 light rail construction.

25 7. Analysis of whether continuation, modification or
26 discontinuation of state participation in light rail expansion is
27 warranted.

28 8. The short-term economic effects of construction on small and
29 locally owned businesses located within or adjacent to proposed transit
30 corridors.

31 9. An evaluation to the extent to which construction activity may
32 impair visibility, access, parking availability, pedestrian traffic and
33 vehicular traffic to affected businesses and that shall estimate the
34 potential for lost revenue, workforce reductions, relocation or business
35 closure during the construction period.

36 B. This act is repealed from and after June 30, 2028.

37 C. For the purposes of this section:

38 1. "Light rail construction" means the planning, permitting or
39 physical construction of new fixed-guideway rail transit lines or
40 extensions.

41 2. "State participation" means any of the following:

42 (a) Appropriating state monies.

43 (b) Issuing state bonds or guarantees.

44 (c) Approving, certifying or matching monies by the department of
45 transportation.

1 (d) Approving state permits or other authorizations.