



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 439**

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**Chairperson:** Deb Fischer  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Date of Hearing:** February 27, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 439 proposes the creation of the Highway Finance Task Force.

The task force would be composed of 15 members and chaired by the chairperson of the Legislature's Transportation and Telecommunication Committee.

The task force would be charged with examining a variety of issues related to street and road funding, including:

- the sustainability of current sources of Highway Trust Fund revenue;
- alternative sources of highway funding revenue;
- the factors and weightings used to distribute Highway Allocation funds to both cities and counties;
- strategies to promote the development of innovative ideas aimed at reducing highway funding needs

The task force would be required to hold at least three public meetings. The Department of Roads is charged with the responsibility of staffing the task force.

The task force would be required to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Clerk of the Legislature, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, and the Governor by December 1, 2007.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Ron Raikes**