

## HR 2569

To reauthorize surface transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities, and for other purposes.

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### Committee Activity

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Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 15, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) within the Department of Transportation (DOT) to: (1) develop a strategic plan annually to guide DOT surface transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities for the following three years; (2) develop and execute a review process to assess the performance of university transportation centers (UTCs); and (3) report to Congress on how best to strengthen the transfer of transportation-related technology, including through the establishment of transportation technology extension centers at UTCs.

Authorizes the Administrator, in order to expand the workforce of transportation professionals, to establish a grant program to fund internships for students participating in the UTC program.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a visiting committee on surface transportation research.

Moves the Office of Climate Change and Environment into RITA and requires it to coordinate research, development, and technology transfer activities: (1) that focus on transportation-related emissions and energy reduction strategies; and (2) on the impacts of climate change on surface transportation infrastructure.

Revises the surface transportation, research, development, and technology program to direct the Administrator to make grants to institutions of higher education (including consortia) to establish regional UTCs to carry out research, development, and technology transfer activities in the field of green transportation infrastructure (i.e., infrastructure that preserves and restores natural processes, utilizes natural design techniques, and minimizes energy consumption and pollution).

Directs the Administrator to: (1) contract with the National Research Council to review the research, development, and technology transfer activities at the Turner Fairbank Highway Research facility; and (2) establish a pavement research, deployment, and education program.

Reauthorizes: (1) the surface transportation research, development, and technology program; and (2) university transportation research.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 15, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
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