

HR 2381

Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Act - Authorizes as an eligible project cost for the construction of a federal-aid highway the cost of improving habitat for pollinators (i.e. bees, birds, bats, and butterflies) on rights-of-way adjacent to such highways.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the states, to carry out programs that encourage: (1) integrated vegetation management practices on roadsides and other transportation rights-of-ways, including reduced mowing; (2) the development of habitat for pollinators through planting of native forbs and grasses; and (3) research and demonstration projects on economic and environmental benefits and best practices for integrated vegetation management, reduced mowing, and planting of native forbs and grasses for pollinator habitat.

Authorizes the use of federal funds for the provision of habitat for pollinators that is related to a federally-funded transportation project.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1198)
- **Jun 24, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.