

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1133

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 27, 2010

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1133.

This amended bill would require the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, to conduct a feasibility study on ways to alleviate congestion on State Highway Route No. 47 in Cumberland and Cape May Counties and in the surrounding region. The report, which must be submitted within one year of the bill's enactment, shall include a description of each possible option, including the technology to be utilized in any new construction; an examination as to the extent to which each option could be expected to reduce traffic congestion in the region; an assessment of the estimated costs of each option, including the acquisition of property and rights-of-way; the estimated time of implementation of each option, including the time necessary for permitting; a projection on the number of residences and businesses that would be negatively impacted by each option; and a recommendation as to which option overall is sensitive to the environmental concerns of the region as well as to the feasibility and safety of traffic management and impact in the region.

The committee amended the bill to update the name of the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee.