

**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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Introduced by: **Welch**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to direct the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to study the issue of tax policies for logistics providers in trucking; rail; waterborne shipping; aviation; and warehouse/distribution in the following Midwestern states—Ohio; Kentucky; Tennessee; Illinois; Michigan; and Wisconsin.

*Whereas, Indiana is the Crossroads of America; and*

*Whereas, Indiana has a geographic & infrastructure advantage; and*

*Whereas, Indiana is 1<sup>st</sup> in interstate access; and*

*Whereas, Indiana is 9<sup>th</sup> in rail miles; and*

*Whereas, Indiana is 14<sup>th</sup> in maritime shipping; and*

*Whereas, Indiana is 8<sup>th</sup> in Air Freight; and*



*Whereas, Indiana is within 75% of U.S. & Canadian populations within a day's drive; and*

*Whereas, Indiana is competition with surrounding states and states with major logistics facilities; and*

*Whereas, it is important for the General Assembly to understand and consider other state tax policies affecting our logistics industries; and*

*Whereas, it could be beneficial for the General Assembly to ensure Indiana's competitiveness; therefore*

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to direct the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to study the topic of logistics tax policies in the following Midwestern states—Ohio; Kentucky; Tennessee; Illinois; Michigan; and Wisconsin; and to make recommendations on possible tax policies that could be utilized by the Indiana General Assembly to strengthen the logistics sector in Indiana by identifying and acting on possible opportunities to better position the State to grow existing business, attract new business, and thereby create new jobs.

SECTION 2. That, the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy if so directed, shall review tax policies for logistic providers in the following sectors—trucking; rail; waterborne shipping; aviation; and warehouse/distribution and make recommendations on policies that could be beneficial and implemented in 2011. As part of this review, the Commission shall investigate all tax policies affecting Ohio; Kentucky; Tennessee; Illinois; Michigan; and Wisconsin. These are neighboring and/or states that have logistics provider populations. In addition, the committee shall work with Indiana organizations who are working to create an unbiased comprehensive strategy to build Indiana's logistic capacity, and to gain input from Indiana business leaders in these sectors on their tax and financing needs for the logistics sector.

SECTION 3. That the committee, if so directed, shall operate under the direction of the Legislative Council and shall issue a report when directed to do so by the Council.

SECTION 4. The Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of



Representatives is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Legislative Council through the Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency.

