



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 374

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Senate Bill No. 1081

Senate, April 1, 2025

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. COHEN of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN ECONOMIC STUDY ON AREAS SURROUNDING THE MOHEGAN-PEQUOT BRIDGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of Economic and
- 2 Community Development and Transportation shall jointly conduct or
- 3 commission an economic study on the areas surrounding the Mohegan-
- 4 Pequot Bridge located in the towns of Montville and Preston and
- 5 determine if the capacity of the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge adequately
- 6 serves such areas. Such study shall consider the extent that the
- 7 Mohegan-Pequot Bridge (1) permits the convenient, safe and
- 8 expeditious flow of traffic to the areas surrounding said bridge, (2) will
- 9 be impacted by (A) projects located at the Great Wolf Lodge in the town
- 10 of Mashantucket, (B) projects known as the Preston Riverwalk Project
- 11 and the Thames River Development, and (C) the expansion of the
- 12 Preston Incinerator site, (3) accommodates permitted loads that are not
- 13 allowed to traverse the Gold Star Memorial Bridge located in the towns
- 14 of New London and Groton, and (4) would be impacted if the Gold Star

15 Memorial Bridge was closed or restricted by the Department of
16 Transportation due to a public safety incident. Not later than July 1,
17 2026, the commissioners shall submit the results of such economic study
18 and any recommendations regarding the rehabilitation of the Mohegan-
19 Pequot Bridge to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
20 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and transportation,
21 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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TRA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	1 million	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of \$1 million in FY 26 by requiring the Commissioners of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and Transportation to jointly conduct an economic study on the areas surrounding the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge in the towns of Montville and Preston. It is anticipated that DECD will lead the study and thus require consulting services to complete the study by July 1, 2026, as required by the bill. Such consulting services are estimated to cost \$1 million based on prior transportation-related studies.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently initiating a transportation corridor study on areas surrounding the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge, which is expected to have significant overlap with the transportation-related provisions of the bill. Therefore, it is expected that DOT can support the bill's required economic study within existing resources.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact is one-time only in FY 26 and therefore does not continue into the out years.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)