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Transportation, Land Use and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010

Chairman Carson called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. Members present included Representatives Walls, Briggs-King, Brady and Jaques. For a list of guests, please see attached.

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Carson brought up **SB 214 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND REGULATION**, and recognized Mark Luszc of the Delaware Department of Transportation. Mr. Luszc explained that this bill provides two exceptions to a law passed in 2005 requiring light fixtures installed with state funds on roadways to be cutoff light fixtures, which shine a minimum of 97.5% of light downwards. Mr. Luszc explained that currently it is unsafe and extremely difficult to properly light high-traffic high-speed roadways through cutoff light fixtures and hence an exception should be made for them with regard to cutoff lighting. Mr. Luszc also explained that the replacement of current light fixtures with cutoff light fixtures can create unsafe roadway conditions and hence an exception should be made for safety reasons. In addition, Mr. Luszc cited enormous cost savings if cutoff light fixtures were not required in all areas of maintenance and especially those dealing with high-speed high-traffic roadways.

Chairman Carson then opened the floor to comments and questions from the Representatives and recognized Rep. Brady. Rep. Brady and Mr. Luszc discussed how lighting is measured and how the electricity for street lighting is financed. In addition, Rep. Brady commented about the impact of this bill on urban areas. Mr. Luszc explained in response that this bill would affect all state funded lighting throughout urban, suburban and rural areas.

Chairman Carson then recognized Rep. Jaques. Rep. Jaques commented about the possibility of utilizing solar power lighting throughout the state's roadways. Mr. Luszc explained that the Department of Transportation has begun to experiment with new LED technology as well as solar powered lighting, but no solar powered lighting has been implemented on the state's roadways for the uses discussed in this bill. Rep. Carson and Mr. Luszc also explained that the state does utilize solar power and LED lighting for a variety of road signs and message boards.

Rep. Jaques motioned to release the bill from committee; Rep. Brady seconded the motion. The bill was released from committee on a vote of 5-0-0.

Chairman Carson adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Lang