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**Bill Analysis**

HB 2079 establishes the Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund to be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Monies from the fund shall be appropriated to assist the Department in the equitable prioritization of construction, repair, and maintenance of state highways in rural areas where robust economic development has resulted in traffic safety and circulation difficulties attributed to significant and unanticipated increases in traffic volumes and as fully recorded and documented by the Department. Robust economic development shall mean those conditions of the highways of this state in counties with a population of less than 50,000 where traffic volumes have increased to become so impaired or hazardous as to constitute a threat to the safety of persons or property traveling over or upon such highways. Once confirmed and documented, the Department of Transportation may utilize proceeds from the Rural Economic Transportation Reliability and Optimization Fund to incentivize and leverage the acceleration and prioritization of improvement projects existing in or to be incorporated into the Eight-Year Construction Work Plan.

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