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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of economically beneficial uses of the rights-of-way associated with certain highways, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maximize Our High-
5 ways Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL USES OF**
2 **THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY ASSOCIATED WITH CER-**
3 **TAIN HIGHWAYS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Transportation shall
5 conduct a study of economically beneficial uses of the
6 rights-of-way associated with highways constructed with
7 Federal assistance, which shall include—

8 (1) the identification of economically beneficial
9 activities that may be carried out with respect to
10 those rights-of-way to ensure that—

11 (A) those rights-of-way are used in the
12 most economically beneficial manner compatible
13 with transportation purposes; and

14 (B) economic underutilization of those
15 rights-of-way is minimized to the extent pos-
16 sible;

17 (2) an analysis of the costs and benefits, includ-
18 ing with respect to safety, of carrying out the eco-
19 nomically beneficial activities identified under para-
20 graph (1);

21 (3) an analysis of barriers to carrying out the
22 economically beneficial activities identified under
23 paragraph (1); and

24 (4) an analysis of the revenue that may be gen-
25 erated by carrying out the economically beneficial
26 activities identified under paragraph (1) and how

1 that revenue may be used to support transportation
2 infrastructure.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
5 Congress and make available to States a report on the
6 results of the study conducted under subsection (a), which
7 shall include legislative recommendations based on the re-
8 sults.

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