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Present law provides for terms and definitions. Proposed law retains present law and adds the term "bridges".

Present law provides for the functions of the department. Proposed law retains present law and adds the function of inspection, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, preservation, and replacement of all bridges that are part of the state's bridge infrastructure and state highway system and oversight of maintenance projects relative to bridges.

Proposed law provides for the department to provide a report relative to the preservation of bridges in the state to the legislature beginning September 1, 2026. Proposed law further provides the report will provide at a minimum the number of bridges under the responsibility of the department as categorized by Title 48, the status of the maintenance, including the number of employees necessary to maintain the bridge, the type of bridge, and the parish it is located, the amount to maintain the bridge, the source of funding to maintain the bridge, and the Federal Highway Administration condition rating.

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(Amends R.S. 48: 21(A); adds R.S. 48:1(25) and 23.1)