

**15.271 Statement of purpose — intent.**

1. The general assembly finds that:
  - a. Highway travelers have special needs for information and travel services.
  - b. Highway travelers have a significant positive influence on the state's economy.
  - c. A principal goal of economic development in this state is to increase the influence which travel and hospitality services, tourism, and recreation opportunities have on the state's economic expansion.
    - d. Facilities and programs are needed where travelers can obtain information about travel and hospitality services, tourist attractions, parks and recreation opportunities, cultural and natural resources, and the state in general.
    - e. A program shall be established to maintain a variety of welcome centers at strategic locations to meet the needs of travelers in the state.
2. The primary goals of a statewide program for welcome centers are to provide travel-related services and tourism information to travelers.  
[87 Acts, ch 178, §1; 2019 Acts, ch 117, §1 – 3; 2022 Acts, ch 1032, §5](#)