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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1542

Sponsors: Representatives Dollar, Cole (Primary Sponsors); and Faison.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 18, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
3 REVIEW, PERMITTING, AND MITIGATION PROCESS USED IN THE
4 CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF STATE HIGHWAYS.

5 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study
7 all issues relating to the environmental review, permitting, and mitigation process used
8 in the construction or expansion of State highways. The Commission may review the
9 costs of the current lengthy environmental review process developed under Article 1 of
10 Chapter 113A of the General Statutes and other environmental laws and rules,
11 including, but not limited to, time, air quality, safety, the cost of delayed construction,
12 and cost to the motoring public. The Commission shall address the internal
13 environmental review process of the Department of Transportation, the Department of
14 Environment and Natural Resources, and any other State department or agency involved
15 in the environmental oversight or review of the construction or expansion of State
16 highways.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Services Commission shall, pursuant to
18 G.S. 120-32.02, give prior approval for the Legislative Research Commission to
19 contract for consultants to assist with this study.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final
21 report of its recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly and may make an interim
22 report to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly.

23 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.