

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 1568**

Short Title: Study & Evaluate Green Industry/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Harrell, Wright (Primary Sponsors); B. Allen, Bell, Bordsen, Brubaker, Carney, Coates, Cole, Coleman, Crawford, Culp, Daughtry, Dickson, Dockham, Earle, Faison, Gibson, Glazier, Grady, Haire, Harrison, Hill, Holliman, Holmes, Howard, Hunter, Jeffus, Johnson, Jones, Ed Jones, Justice, LaRoque, Lucas, McLawhorn, McMahan, Parmon, Pierce, Preston, Rapp, Saunders, Setzer, Sherrill, Steen, Tucker, Underhill, Wainwright, Walker, Williams, Wilson, Womble, and Wray.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 2, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY AND EVALUATE THE  
2 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE GREEN INDUSTRY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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4       Whereas, the Green Industry is defined as well over 5,000 firms statewide  
5 involved in the production, design, installation, maintenance and sale of plants (trees,  
6 shrubs, flowers), sod and related goods and services to enhance, beautify, and protect  
7 human environments, provide jobs and economic growth; and

8       Whereas, examples of Green Industry professionals include retail garden  
9 centers, greenhouse and nursery producers, turfgrass producers, landscape contractors  
10 and designers, irrigation contractors, landscape and turf maintenance companies; and

11       Whereas, the Green Industry has grown significantly in the State of North  
12 Carolina; and

13       Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in  
14 conjunction with North Carolina State University, plans to study and evaluate the  
15 significant economic impact of the Green Industry in North Carolina; Now, therefore,  
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
18 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the sum of one hundred fifty  
19 thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to evaluate the economic  
20 impact of the green industry in the State of North Carolina. The Department of  
21 Agriculture and Consumer Services and North Carolina State University shall report

- 1 their findings of the study to the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate  
2 and the House of Representatives.  
3           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.