

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80392-LDz-144A (05/04)

Sponsors: Representative Dollar.

Referred to:

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, including
11 but not limited to, time, air quality, safety, the cost of delayed construction, and cost to
12 the motoring public. The Commission shall address the internal environmental review
13 process of the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environment and
14 Natural Resources, and any other State department or agency involved in the
15 environmental oversight or review of the construction or expansion of State highways.

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

19 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final
20 report of its recommendations to the 2007 General Assembly and may make an interim
21 report to the 2006 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly.

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