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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 234

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Directing the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to study the feasibility of purchasing the Dulles Greenway. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Dulles Greenway is a privately owned toll road extending 14 miles from Washington Dulles International Airport to the Town of Leesburg and connecting the same and is the first privately owned toll road in the Commonwealth since 1816; and

WHEREAS, the Dulles Greenway is regulated by the State Corporation Commission and the Virginia Highway Corporation Act of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Dulles Greenway offers electronic toll collection through the Department of Transportation's Smart-Tag and E-ZPass program; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Dulles Greenway, Toll Road Investors Partnership II, purchased all the land that the Greenway is situated on; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission be directed to study the feasibility of purchasing the Dulles Greenway.

In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall determine (i) the cost of purchasing the Dulles Greenway; (ii) potential future monetary costs, benefits, or implications of the purchase; (iii) the potential benefit and harm to quality of life of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and (iv) how such a purchase could be accomplished.

Technical assistance shall be provided to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by the Department of Transportation. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission for this study, upon request.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2015, and for the second year by November 30, 2016, and the Director shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year. Each executive summary shall state whether the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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