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Establishing a joint subcommittee to study construction of proposed Interstate 73. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, there is a strong and direct connection between a vibrant economy and a sound transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, for south-central Virginia, no element of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure is more important than highways; and

WHEREAS, construction of proposed Interstate 73 is among the most vital highway projects being planned for the region; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses of south-central Virginia are eager to become involved with, support, and promote the expeditious construction of proposed Interstate 73; and

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 32 (2014) established a joint committee of the Senate Committee on Local Government and the Senate Committee on Transportation to study construction of proposed Interstate 73 and its meetings having come to a close, a joint subcommittee is necessary to continue the work of that joint committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study construction of proposed Interstate 73. The joint subcommittee shall have a total membership of 14 members that shall consist of 10 legislative members and four nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed as follows: six members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates in accordance with the principles of proportional representation contained in the Rules of the House of Delegates; four members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates upon consideration of the recommendation of the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation; and two nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules upon consideration of the recommendation of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation. Legislative members and nonlegislative citizen members shall be residents of the districts and localities potentially most affected by proposed Interstate 73. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk, nonlegislative citizen members shall only be reimbursed for travel originating and ending within the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of attending meetings. If a companion joint resolution of the other chamber is agreed to, written authorization of both Clerks shall be required. The joint subcommittee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall be members of the General Assembly.

In conducting its study, the joint subcommittee shall provide an institutional and organizational link between the citizens and businesses of south-central Virginia and their legislative representatives in the General Assembly and the Virginia Department of Transportation. The joint subcommittee shall receive and disseminate communication between the Department and those most directly and greatly concerned with the speedy completion and success of the interstate construction project.

Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates. Legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the joint subcommittee shall be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Department of Transportation. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee for this study, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall be limited to four meetings for the 2016 interim and four meetings for the 2017 interim, and the direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$24,600 for each year without approval as set out in this resolution. Of this amount an estimated \$1,000 is allocated for consulting services, speakers, materials, and other resources. Approval for unbudgeted nonmember-related expenses shall require the written authorization of the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk. If a companion joint resolution of the other chamber is agreed to, written authorization of both Clerks shall be required.

No recommendation of the joint subcommittee shall be adopted if a majority of the House members or a majority of the Senate members appointed to the joint subcommittee (i) vote against the recommendation and (ii) vote for the recommendation to fail notwithstanding the majority vote of the

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59 joint subcommittee.

60 The joint subcommittee shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2016, and for
61 the second year by November 30, 2017, and the chairman shall submit to the Division of Legislative
62 Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first
63 day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year. Each executive summary shall
64 state whether the joint subcommittee intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a
65 report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The
66 executive summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of
67 Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be
68 posted on the General Assembly's website.

69 Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint
70 Rules Committee. The Committee may approve or disapprove expenditures for this study, extend or
71 delay the period for the conduct of the study, or authorize additional meetings during the 2016 or 2017
72 interim; and, be it

73 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution
74 to the General Assembly of North Carolina and the General Assembly of South Carolina in order that
75 they may be apprised of the action of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter, with the
76 invitation to appoint similar entities in their states to work cooperatively with the joint subcommittee
77 created by this resolution in promoting the construction of proposed Interstate 73.