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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 568

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*Establishing a commission to study regional transportation planning for Northern Virginia.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia is a growing area of the state with a substantial transportation network; and

WHEREAS, businesses and persons traveling within the region cross county and city lines for their private purposes and coordination between counties is necessary for the future economic prosperity of the region; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and Prince William County have become major crossroads for people and goods traveling through these counties; and

WHEREAS, there are several regional transportation planning bodies in Northern Virginia and in some cases transportation proposals require the approval of as many as nine different transportation organizations for certain transportation decisions; and

WHEREAS, movement between counties continues to increase and will increase in the foreseeable future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That there be hereby established a commission to review regional transportation planning cooperation in Northern Virginia. The commission shall consist of 16 members as follows: the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, who shall serve as chairman of the commission; three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; one representative of Fairfax County, appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; one representative of Arlington County, appointed by the Arlington County Board of Supervisors; one representative of Loudoun County, appointed by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors; one representative of Stafford County, appointed by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors; one representative of Prince William County, appointed by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors; one representative of the City of Alexandria, appointed by the Alexandria City Council; one representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority, appointed by the Authority, and two additional representatives of local governments, appointed by the Governor. The commission's study shall include the following:

1. Whether the functions of various transportation organizations should be consolidated into one regional body;

2. What mechanisms should be used to manage coordination of transportation plans between the various jurisdictions in Northern Virginia;

3. Whether any road or other transportation facilities that connect between counties should be subject to the approval of a regional transportation body;

4. Whether this regional transportation body should have a representative from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and the federal government;

5. Whether such a body should facilitate the planning of rail, bus, and mass transportation in Northern Virginia;

6. What federal, state, and local restrictions exist to hinder or facilitate establishment of such a regional body;

7. What funding sources would be available or should be used by such regional transportation body; and

8. Any other matter that the commission believes would facilitate regional transportation planning in Northern Virginia.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$ 9,500 paid by the Virginia Department of Transportation or any other available source.

The commission shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1996 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for processing legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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