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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 658

*Continuing the Interstate Route 73 Communications Committee.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 1999

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 1999

WHEREAS, through its passage of House Joint Resolution No. 153, the 1998 Session of the General Assembly created the Interstate Route 73 Communications Committee to 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 Department of Transportation and to receive and disseminate communication between the Department and those directly concerned with the speedy completion and success of the Interstate Route 73 project; and

WHEREAS, in the course of its work during 1998, the Committee determined that although there is considerable and broad-based public support for the Interstate Route 73 project in communities throughout the region to be served by the highway, no decision has yet been made as to whether or where the highway will be built; and

WHEREAS, if findings of preliminary studies lead to decisions by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Federal Highway Administration to determine a route for the highway and acquire needed rights-of-way, actual construction on the project is still years away and its completion may lie more than a decade in the future; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the Interstate Route 73 project to regional economic development and the long-term nature of the project underscore the need to continue the work of the Interstate Route 73 Communications Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Interstate Route 73 Communications Committee, created under House Joint Resolution No. 153 (1998), be continued. The membership of the Committee shall continue as provided in the original resolution, with any vacancies to be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$21,600.

The Committee shall complete its work in time to submit any findings and recommendations it shall deem appropriate to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of 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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