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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 716

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Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to continue its study of the benefits to be derived from the construction of one or more limited access parkways and bridges connecting Virginia and Maryland between the American Legion Bridge and the north-south powerline alignment in Loudoun County.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, the highways in the metropolitan Washington area are among the most congested in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the need for a new western transportation corridor linking suburban areas of Virginia and Maryland has long been recognized; and

WHEREAS, the 1998 session of the Virginia General Assembly approved House Joint Resolution 134, which requested the Department of Transportation to provide a report updating previous studies on the benefits of constructing one or more limited access parkways connecting Virginia and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the conclusions of the Department of Transportation's report are that one or more such crossings are needed, and that in order to pursue an additional river crossing and roadway linking Virginia and Maryland, it would be necessary to undertake comprehensive traffic, transportation, and environmental studies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to continue its study of the benefits to be derived from the construction of one or more limited access parkways and bridges connecting Virginia and Maryland between the American Legion Bridge and the north-south powerline alignment in Loudoun County.

The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2000 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

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