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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 116

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Requesting the Department of Transportation to study the preliminary engineering and construction of proposed Interstate 73. Report.

Patrons—Adams, Marshall, D.W. and Poindexter; Senator: Stanley

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, there is a strong and direct connection between a vibrant economy and a sound transportation infrastructure, and for south-central Virginia no element of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure is more important than roads; the 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, the Senate of Virginia has shown its support of proposed Interstate 73 through Senate Resolution 32 (2014), which directed a Senate joint committee to study the construction of proposed Interstate 73; and

WHEREAS, proposed Interstate 73 is part of High Priority Corridor 5 as defined by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and more information is needed on the financing, viability, and route of proposed Interstate 73; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Transportation be requested to study the preliminary engineering and construction of proposed Interstate 73. Such study shall include information on surveying and the possibility of purchasing necessary rights-of-way.

In conducting its study, the Department of Transportation shall review the proposed route, estimated cost, and construction of the Interstate 73 project beginning in Henry County.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Department of Transportation shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2016, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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