

House Resolution 53

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A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Penalties for Driving Under the Influence Offenses;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many innocent people are killed each year by persons who are driving under
4 the influence of drugs or alcohol; and

5 WHEREAS, increasing the penalties for a conviction for driving under the influence, such
6 as impounding an offender's car, would discourage people from driving under the influence
7 and decrease the number of fatalities on the roads of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a need to review the current laws relating to penalties for driving under
9 the influence to determine whether additional penalties might have a greater impact on
10 reducing the number of incidents involving drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
12 there is created the House Study Committee on Penalties for Driving Under the Influence
13 Offenses to be composed of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed
14 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of
15 the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of
16 the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
23 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
24 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are

1 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
2 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
3 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
4 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2003. The
5 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2003.