

Senate Resolution 1201

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th and Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 To create the Senate Biodiesel Fuel Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, increased production and use of biodiesel fuel in this state could position
3 Georgia to be a leader among the southern states by incorporating biodiesel into existing
4 petroleum fuel supplies; and
- 5 WHEREAS, increased production of biodiesel fuel in this state can help Georgia's economy
6 by adding jobs in various sectors, including farming, production, distribution, and retail sales;
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, production of biodiesel fuel in this state can move Georgia forward on a path
9 of success in embracing alternative fuel usage; and
- 10 WHEREAS, biodiesel fuel can be used in any diesel engine today without modification; and
- 11 WHEREAS, use of biodiesel fuel extends fossil diesel fuel supply by four-fold for every
12 gallon replaced by biodiesel; and
- 13 WHEREAS, use of biodiesel fuel helps increase our national and state security by lessening
14 our dependence on foreign oil; and
- 15 WHEREAS, use of biodiesel fuel can improve air quality and reduce atmospheric
16 degradation by reducing harmful emissions and particulate matter such as carbon and soot;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, use of biodiesel fuels can decrease the number of counties declared under or
19 facing nonattainment status for purposes of the federal Clean Air Act; and

1 WHEREAS, a minimal 1 percent biodiesel blend can improve lubricity of diesel fuel by 65
2 percent; and

3 WHEREAS, biodiesel fuel provides superior lubricity benefits at even low levels, thus
4 reducing equipment wear and premature breakdown.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
6 Biodiesel Fuel Study Committee to be composed of five members of the Senate to be
7 appointed by the President of the Senate. The president shall designate a member of the
8 committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
9 committee.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
11 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
12 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
13 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
14 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
15 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
16 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
17 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
18 any member of the committee for more than four days unless additional days are authorized.
19 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds
20 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
21 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
22 made on or before December 1, 2008. The committee shall stand abolished on December
23 1, 2008.