

The House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HR 1607:

A RESOLUTION

1 To create the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 there is created the House Biodiesel Fuel Study Committee to be composed of five members
7 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
9 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

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