

House Resolution 694

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Hydropower Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, hydropower offers advantages over other energy sources; and
- 3 WHEREAS, hydropower is fueled by water: it is a clean fuel source that does not pollute the
4 air like power plants that burn fossil fuels, and, since it relies on the water cycle driven by
5 the sun, it is a renewable power source; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this domestic source of energy produced in the Unites States can also be readily
7 available when needed since the flow of water in the turbines can be controlled to produce
8 electricity when required by demand; and
- 9 WHEREAS, hydropower plants provide many benefits in addition to clean electricity as
10 impoundment hydropower creates reservoirs that offer a variety of recreational opportunities,
11 notably fishing, swimming, and boating; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the security of traditional fuel supplies have increasingly become of grave
13 concern, and dependence on such energy source leaves our society vulnerable to disruption;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Georgia to
16 comprehensively study and explore all possible forms of energy that might be further
17 developed and utilized in this state.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 there is created the House Hydropower Study Committee to be composed of three members
20 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select one of the

22 members appointed as the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
23 meetings of the committee.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of hydropower,
25 how such energy source might be further developed in this state to make such renewable
26 energy available for use by Georgians, how expanding hydropower capabilities may create
27 jobs and additional recreational opportunities, and such other matters related thereto. The
28 committee shall recommend any actions or legislation which the committee deems necessary
29 or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times
30 as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its
31 powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
32 The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized for
33 legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not more
34 than five days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the
35 provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
36 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
37 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
38 made on or before December 31, 2011. The committee shall stand abolished on December
39 31, 2011.