

Senate Resolution 1037

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Study Committee on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as fuel economy and emissions standards become increasingly stringent,  
4 alternative fuels are quickly becoming an attractive alternative to traditional gasoline and  
5 diesel fuel; and

6 WHEREAS, vehicles powered by alternative fuels are desirable and effective only if  
7 refueling infrastructure is readily available to meet consumer needs; and

8 WHEREAS, because the consumer market is not yet established, station operators are  
9 unwilling to invest in infrastructure equipment up front; and

10 WHEREAS, providing incentives for investors and operators to install the necessary  
11 infrastructure for the efficient refueling of vehicles powered by alternative fuels may be  
12 necessary to bring this nascent consumer market to fruition in Georgia and provide its  
13 citizens with additional options; and

14 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study how providing market incentives for installation  
15 of refueling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles would serve as a catalyst for the  
16 realization of cheap and clean fueling options for the public.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

18 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Study Committee  
19 on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure.

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the chairpersons of the  
21 Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee and the Senate Regulated  
22 Industries and Utilities Committee along with three additional members of the Senate to

23 be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate one of such  
24 members as chairperson.

25 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
26 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
27 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

28 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
29 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
30 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
31 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

32 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
33 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
34 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
35 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
36 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
37 appropriated to the Senate.

38 (6) **Report.**

39 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
40 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the  
41 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
42 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

43 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
44 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)  
45 of this paragraph.

46 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
47 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
48 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with  
49 the Secretary of the Senate.

50 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary  
51 of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

52 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2016.