

Senate Resolution 1038

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Joint Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Study Committee; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA:

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

20 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following seven
21 members:

22 (A) The chairpersons of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism and the
23 Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee. The President of the Senate shall
24 designate one of such members as cochairperson;

25 (B) The chairpersons of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism
26 and the House Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications. The Speaker
27 of the House of Representatives shall designate one of such members as cochairperson;
28 and

29 (C) Three additional members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the
30 Speaker.

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

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

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

44 (6) **Report.**

45 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
46 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the
47 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
48 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

49 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
50 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to
51 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

52 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
53 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
54 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed
55 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

56 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the
57 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives copies of the
58 minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

59 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2016.