

Senate Resolution 1038

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**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Joint Alternative Fuels Infrastructure and Vehicles Study Committee; and for  
2 other 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 fueled by alternative fuels are desirable and effective only if refueling  
7 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 and to study whether increased  
17 market incentives for the purchase or lease of alternative fuel vehicles may drive  
18 development of infrastructure.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 GEORGIA:

21 (1) **Creation of joint study committee.** There is created the Joint Alternative Fuels  
22 Infrastructure and Vehicles Study Committee.

- 23 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the following ten  
24 members:
- 25 (A) The chairpersons of the Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee  
26 and the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee. The President of the  
27 Senate shall designate one of such members as cochairperson;
- 28 (B) The chairpersons of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism  
29 and the House Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications. The Speaker  
30 of the House of Representatives shall designate one of such members as cochairperson;  
31 and
- 32 (C) Three additional members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the  
33 Senate and three additional members of the House of Representatives to be appointed  
34 by the Speaker.
- 35 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
36 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
37 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 38 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the committee. The  
39 committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem  
40 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform  
41 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.
- 42 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive  
43 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia  
44 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any  
45 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.  
46 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
47 appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- 48 (6) **Report.**
- 49 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
50 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the  
51 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
52 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.
- 53 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
54 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to  
55 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.
- 56 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
57 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.  
58 A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the committee and filed  
59 with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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

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