

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Environment offered the following substitute to SR 690:

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and other entities to support
2 implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is a proposed 155 mile trail linking Savannah
4 to St. Mary's as part of a comprehensive system of bicycle and pedestrian trails along the east
5 coast of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, the trails would traverse parts of six coastal counties in Georgia, providing
7 numerous benefits not only to those counties but also the entire state; and

8 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the economic, health, recreational, and environmental
9 benefits of the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

10 WHEREAS, various funding and technical hurdles must be addressed to ensure the timely
11 and proper construction of the Coastal Georgia Greenway for the enjoyment of the citizens
12 of this state and its guests.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that the members of this body encourage the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust
15 Fund as well as other state entities to assist in the funding of the Coastal Georgia Greenway
16 in collaboration with Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

18 (1) The General Assembly is encouraged to make annual appropriations over the next
19 ten years to support the implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

20 (2) State governmental authorities and the Coastal Regional Commission are encouraged
21 to work with local governments to secure funding from the public and private sectors for
22 the Coastal Georgia Greenway;

23 (3) The Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources are
24 encouraged to identify on an annual basis any funding sources that could be used to
25 support the Coastal Georgia Greenway; and

26 (4) The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund is encouraged to allocate funds
27 annually to support the implementation and construction of the Coastal Georgia
28 Greenway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Coastal
31 Regional Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural
32 Resources, and the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.