

The House Committee on Regulated Industries offers the following substitute to HR 952:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a recent study by the University of Texas' MD Anderson Cancer Center found
4 a link between chemicals in hair straightening products and breast cancer, demonstrating a
5 60 percent increase in risk for some women who use them; and

6 WHEREAS, some hair straightening treatments, such as relaxers, contain chemicals known
7 as endocrine disrupters that can interfere with human hormones; and

8 WHEREAS, a 2019 study by the International Journal of Cancer found that for women who
9 used hair straightening or relaxing products regularly, the risk of breast cancer increased by
10 31 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, additional determinations are needed concerning the health risks associated with
12 using hair straightening products and whether consumer warnings are warranted; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study the association between the chemicals in hair
14 straightening products and treatments and the incidence of breast cancer amongst Georgian
15 women to determine if action by the state is necessary to address this issue.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

17 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
18 on Risks Associated with Hair Straightening Products.

19 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
20 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
22 of the committee.

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

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

30 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

31 (A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided
32 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

33 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
34 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
35 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
36 appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement
37 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the

38 reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated
39 to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

40 **(6) Report.**

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

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

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

52 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
53 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
54 thereof.

55 **(7) Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2026.