

House Resolution 1747

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Restoring Georgia's Salt-Water Ecosystems; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, coastal Georgia is a unique part of this diverse state with a half million acres  
4 of estuaries, 368,000 acres of salt marsh, over 3,400 miles of tidal shoreline, and 11 coastal  
5 counties; and

6 WHEREAS, coastal Georgia supports a vibrant fishing industry; and

7 WHEREAS, recent fish stock assessments indicate that certain fish stocks in this state are  
8 both overfished and experiencing overfishing; and

9 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study Georgia's salt-water ecosystems to evaluate  
10 whether any action may be taken by the state to help rebuild fish stocks, protect spawning  
11 adults, and ensure sustainability and good fishing opportunities in the future.

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

13 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
14 on Restoring Georgia's Salt-Water Ecosystems.

15 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of seven members of the  
16 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson  
18 of the committee.

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

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

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

27 (A) Members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code  
28 Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

29 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member  
30 of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds  
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds  
32 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

33 (6) **Report.**

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

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

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

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

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