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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

Sponsors: Senators Ballantine and Allran.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF COASTAL BEACH MOVEMENT AND STORM MITIGATION ISSUES.

Whereas, the Legislative Research Commission's Study Committee on Coastal Beach Movement Issues has been diligently addressing the concerns regarding coastal beach movement, beach renourishment, and storm mitigation; and

Whereas, the Study Committee was unable to complete its work due to the unanticipated length of the 1998 Regular Session; and

Whereas, several issues critical to the crafting and development of an appropriate State policy regarding coastal beach movement, beach renourishment, and storm mitigation remain to be studied; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study issues relating to:

(1) Coastal beach movement and beach renourishment, including the following:

- a. The value cost.
- b. The level of need.
- c. The return on investment.
- d. The eligible participants.

(2) Storm hazard mitigation, including the following:

- a. The need for and feasibility of requiring full disclosure of natural hazards to persons acquiring property on barrier islands.

b. The need for and feasibility of restricting future State subsidies and support of development in designated high hazard areas on the barrier islands. The Commission shall specifically consider State expenditures to construct and maintain infrastructure, such as roads and bridges; the availability of State grants and loans for development; and repeated claims for disaster relief in high hazard areas.

c. The need for and feasibility of establishing a program for acquisition of lands in high hazard areas.

(3) Any other issues relevant to these topics.

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make its recommendations and submit an interim report to the 1999 General Assembly, Regular Session 2000, and may make a final report to the 2001 General Assembly.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.