GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Short Title:	ERC to Study Construction on Slopes.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Rapp, McGrady, Fisher, and Keever (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO SAFE ARTIFICIAL SLOPE CONSTRUCTION IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF THE STATE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE STABLE SLOPES FOR DEVELOPMENT, TO REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SLOPE FAILURES ON DEVELOPED OR DISTURBED LAND, AND TO PROTECT HUMAN SAFETY AND PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Environmental Review Commission, with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the North Carolina Geological Survey, shall do all of the following:

(1) Study issues related to safe artificial slope construction in mountainous areas. The Commission may specifically study the need for and advisability of establishing minimum statewide management requirements for safe artificial slope construction in mountainous areas of the State. The Commission may also consider issues related to the recordation of natural hazards; environmental permit conditions and limitations and land-use restrictions associated with real property located in mountainous and other areas of the State; and disclosure to prospective purchasers of real property of those hazards, conditions, and restrictions.

(2) Collect research and information on (i) landslide types, events, causes, and triggers, including elevations and slope angles at which landslides may be more likely to occur; (ii) technical requirements that may be applied to artificial slope construction; and (iii) any other issues deemed relevant.

(3) Hold public meetings in Boone, Asheville, and Franklin in order to consult with the public and user groups in the conduct of this study.

(4) Report its findings and recommendations, including any administrative or legislative proposals, to the 2012 General Assembly upon its convening.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.