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HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION DRHR30307-MH-129

Sponsors: Representatives Logan, Autry, Hawkins, and Insko (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
2 STUDY TRANSFORMATIVE STRATEGIES FOR A NEW NORTH CAROLINA
3 ECONOMY.

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 **SECTION 1.** Establishment. – In accordance with House Rule 26(a), there is
6 established the House Select Committee to Study Transformative Strategies for a New North
7 Carolina Economy. The Committee shall consist of 12 members of the House of Representatives,
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall appoint a chair from among
9 the membership. The chair shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the Speaker.
10 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the Speaker. The Committee shall meet on the last
11 Friday of the month, or upon the call of the chair. The Committee may meet during the interim
12 period between sessions or recesses of the General Assembly in accordance with
13 G.S. 120-19.6(a) to study transformative strategies for the citizens of the State. A quorum of the
14 Committee shall be a majority of the Committee members.

15 **SECTION 2.** Charge. – The Committee is charged with studying legislative changes
16 and budgetary investments needed to develop a Green New Deal for North Carolina and achieve
17 the following climate and environmental resiliency outcomes within the target window of 10
18 years from the start of execution of the plan devised by the Committee:

- 19 (1) Dramatically expand existing renewable power sources and deploy new
20 production capacity with the goal of meeting one hundred percent (100%) of
21 statewide power demand through renewable energy resources. For purposes
22 of this subdivision, renewable energy resource shall have the definition set
23 forth in G.S. 62-133.8(a).
- 24 (2) Build a statewide, energy-efficient, smart grid.
- 25 (3) Upgrade every residential and industrial building for state-of-the-art energy
26 efficiency, comfort, and safety.
- 27 (4) Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing, agricultural, and
28 other industries, including investments in local-scale agriculture in
29 communities throughout the State.
- 30 (5) Repair and upgrade transportation and other infrastructure to eliminate
31 greenhouse gas emissions, and upgrade water infrastructure to ensure
32 universal access to clean water.
- 33 (6) Achieve net drawdown of greenhouse gases through targeted investments in
34 carbon-neutral, carbon-negative businesses and industries.
- 35 (7) Make green technology, industry, expertise, products, and services major
36 exports of North Carolina, with the aim of becoming a national leader in the
37 transition to completely greenhouse gas neutral economies.



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- 1 (8) Encourage sustainable development, walkable communities that are
2 pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, and the use of zero-emissions vehicles.
3 (9) Promote job creation through the implementation of a plan and policies that
4 promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green technologies.

5 The Committee may seek information from experts in the fields of renewable energy, climate
6 science, environmental sustainability, green technology and industry, and any others deemed
7 appropriate by the chair. The Committee may study any other issue deemed relevant by the chair
8 to the charge of the Committee.

9 **SECTION 3. Operations.** – The Committee, while in the discharge of its official
10 duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120
11 of the General Statutes. The Committee may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative
12 Office Building. Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the
13 rates set forth in G.S. 120-3.1. The expenses of the Committee shall be paid upon the written
14 approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and
15 G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operation.

16 **SECTION 4. Staff.** – The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative
17 Services Officer, shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director
18 of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support to the
19 Committee. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as
20 provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

21 **SECTION 5. Report.** – The Committee may make a preliminary report containing
22 findings and recommendations prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019
23 General Assembly. The Committee shall provide a final report on the results of its study,
24 including any proposed legislation, to the members of the General Assembly by December 1,
25 2020. The Committee shall terminate on the filing of its final report or December 1, 2020,
26 whichever first occurs.

27 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.