

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR50464-LBz-331 (04/10)**

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Sponsors: Representative Dollar.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
3 REVIEW, PERMITTING, AND MITIGATION PROCESS USED IN THE  
4 CONSTRUCTION OR EXPANSION OF STATE HIGHWAYS.

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

6       **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study  
7 all issues relating to the environmental review, permitting, and mitigation process used  
8 in the construction or expansion of State highways. The Commission may review the  
9 costs of the current lengthy environmental review process developed under Article 1 of  
10 Chapter 113A of the General Statutes and other environmental laws and rules,  
11 including, but not limited to, time, air quality, safety, the cost of delayed construction,  
12 and cost to the motoring public. The Commission shall address the internal  
13 environmental review process of the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
14 Environment and Natural Resources, and any other State department or agency involved  
15 in the environmental oversight or review of the construction or expansion of State  
16 highways.

17       **SECTION 2.** The Legislative Services Commission shall, pursuant to  
18 G.S. 120-32.02, give prior approval for the Legislative Research Commission to  
19 contract for consultants to assist with this study.

20       **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Research Commission shall make a final  
21 report of its recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly and may make an interim  
22 report to the 2008 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly.

23       **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.