

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2256

Short Title: Inland Port Report.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gillespie; and Frye.

Referred to: Transportation.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ECONOMY
3 AND THE FUTURE OF WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CONCERNING
4 THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INLAND PORT BE PRESENTED
5 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
6 LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

7 Whereas, the Institute for the Economy and the Future of Western Carolina
8 University is studying the feasibility of establishing an inland port within the 23-county
9 region of the North Carolina Regional Economic Development Commission, known as
10 AdvantageWest; and

11 Whereas, the Inland Port is of vital importance to the economic development
12 and vitality of the entire State; Now, therefore,
13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** The report of the Institute for the Economy and the Future of
15 Western Carolina University concerning the feasibility of establishing an inland port
16 within the 23-county region of the North Carolina Regional Economic Development
17 Commission, known as AdvantageWest, shall be presented to the Joint Appropriations
18 Subcommittee on Transportation and the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
19 Authority on or before December 1, 2008.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.