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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 737**

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

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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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.



1 (7) Make green technology, industry, expertise, products, and services major  
2 exports of North Carolina, with the aim of becoming a national leader in the  
3 transition to completely greenhouse gas neutral economies.

4 (8) Encourage sustainable development, walkable communities that are  
5 pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, and the use of zero-emissions vehicles.

6 (9) Promote job creation through the implementation of a plan and policies that  
7 promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green technologies.

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

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

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

24 **SECTION 5.** Report. – The Committee may make a preliminary report containing  
25 findings and recommendations prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019  
26 General Assembly. The Committee shall provide a final report on the results of its study,  
27 including any proposed legislation, to the members of the General Assembly by December 1,  
28 2020. The Committee shall terminate on the filing of its final report or December 1, 2020,  
29 whichever first occurs.

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