

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HR 37:

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the current and future economic health of Georgia relies on a thriving and  
3 productive freight industry; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Georgia needs a comprehensive, strategic business plan to develop state-wide  
5 freight and logistics infrastructure in order for this state to remain economically competitive;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, it is important to study and assess the needs for and means of providing for a  
8 system of freight and logistics investment projects and priorities in this state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, study is needed to determine the best course of action with regard to funding  
10 and policy development relating to freight and logistics to ensure that action taken over the  
11 next several years will result in the growth and support of this important industry; and
- 12 WHEREAS, it is important that such study further emphasize creating efficiency and  
13 coordination among providers of freight and logistics and offer solutions to improve mobility  
14 across this state; and
- 15 WHEREAS, such study may analyze the benefits of developing alternative freight routes as  
16 a means of improving regional transportation and transportation throughout this state; and
- 17 WHEREAS, subject to availability of funds from the budget of the Senate and the House of  
18 Representatives, such study may include a contract for the provision of private consulting  
19 and any other services deemed necessary for purposes of addressing the areas identified in  
20 this resolution; and

21 WHEREAS, any professionals retained to assist in analysis or consultation pursuant to this  
22 resolution shall be professionals in freight and logistics analysis, with global or national  
23 prominence in the following areas:

- 24 (1) Experience working with multiple freight and logistics providers;
- 25 (2) Experience delivering freight and logistics strategy for multijurisdictional or  
26 state-wide entities;
- 27 (3) Strong financial consulting practices that have applicability to multiple funding or  
28 financial approaches for freight and logistics;
- 29 (4) Approaches to promoting economic development; and
- 30 (5) Demonstrated knowledge and proven experience in strategic development.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- 32 (1) **Creation of joint commission.** There is created the Georgia Commission on Freight  
33 and Logistics.
- 34 (2) **Members and officers.** The commission shall consist of the following members:
  - 35 (A) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including  
36 the chairperson of the Senate Transportation Committee;
  - 37 (B) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
38 House of Representatives, including the chairperson of the House Committee on  
39 Transportation;
  - 40 (C) Three members appointed by the President of the Senate who represent entities  
41 which provide freight and logistics services; possess expertise in the operations of a  
42 major airport hub; or lead a major commodity shipper, major air shipping provider, or  
43 major manufacturing operation based in this state;
  - 44 (D) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who  
45 represent entities which provide freight and logistics services; possess expertise in the  
46 operations of a major airport hub; or lead a major commodity shipper, major air  
47 shipping provider, or major manufacturing operation based in this state;
  - 48 (E) Four members who each serve as a local government official, with two appointed  
49 by the President of the Senate and two appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
50 Representatives;
  - 51 (F) The executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association or his or her  
52 designee;
  - 53 (G) The executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his  
54 or her designee;
  - 55 (H) The president or chairperson of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce;
  - 56 (I) The president or chairperson of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce;

57 (J) The commissioner of transportation, ex officio; and

58 (K) The executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, ex officio.

59 The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each  
60 select a member to serve as cochairpersons of the commission.

61 (3) **Powers and duties.** The commission shall undertake a study of the conditions,  
62 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any  
63 action or legislation which the commission deems necessary or appropriate.

64 (4) **Meetings.** The cochairpersons shall call all meetings of the commission. The  
65 commission may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem  
66 necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform  
67 its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

68 (5) **Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

69 (A) The legislative members of the commission shall receive the allowances provided  
70 for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

71 (B) Members of the commission who are state officials, other than legislative  
72 members, or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the  
73 commission, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the  
74 performance of their duties as members of the commission in the same manner as they  
75 are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

76 (C) Members of the commission who are not legislators, state officials, or state  
77 employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that  
78 specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia  
79 Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
80 employees.

81 (D) The allowances and expenses authorized by this resolution shall not be received  
82 by any member of the commission for more than five days unless additional days are  
83 authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
84 from funds appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives; except that  
85 funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative  
86 members, and state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise  
87 available to their respective agencies.

88 (6) **Report.**

89 (A) In the event the commission adopts any specific findings or recommendations that  
90 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file a report of the  
91 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to  
92 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

93 (B) In the event the commission adopts a report that does not include suggestions for  
94 proposed legislation, the cochairpersons shall file the report, subject to subparagraph  
95 (C) of this paragraph.

96 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of  
97 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the  
98 commission. A report so approved shall be signed by the cochairpersons of the  
99 commission and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of  
100 Representatives.

101 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the cochairpersons may file with the  
102 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the  
103 minutes of the meetings of the commission in lieu thereof.

104 (7) **Abolishment.** The commission shall submit the report and proposal required by  
105 paragraph (6) not later than December 31, 2019, at which time such proposal shall be  
106 published and the commission shall stand abolished.