

House Resolution 1349

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Nimmer of the 178th, Smith of the 70th, Nix of the 69th, and Gilligan of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Solid Waste Disposal Process; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the journey of disposed items and materials from waste receptacle to final
4 destination presents an incredibly complex process and chain of events; and

5 WHEREAS, that process includes such diverse activities as garbage collection, recycling,
6 incineration, and landfill maintenance; and

7 WHEREAS, additionally that process involves every conceivable type of material, including
8 food waste, household items, construction debris, coal ash, and industrial by-products; and

9 WHEREAS, the collection and disposal of solid waste are necessary to the health and
10 welfare of Georgia's citizens and integral to the continued success of its commercial sector;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the current state of regulation of the process merits careful attention,
13 consideration, and scrutiny.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

15 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
16 on the Solid Waste Disposal Process.

17 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of the chairperson of the
18 House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, who shall serve as chairperson
19 of the study committee, and four members of the House of Representatives to be
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

24 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
25 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary
26 or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties,
27 and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

28 (5) **Allowances and funding.**

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

31 (B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
32 of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. Funds
33 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
34 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

35 (6) **Report.**

36 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
37 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
38 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
39 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

40 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
41 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
42 of this paragraph.

43 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
44 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
45 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
46 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

47 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of
48 the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee
49 in lieu thereof.

50 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.