

The House Committee on State Properties offers the following substitute to HR 595:

### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Building Authority to plan for sustainable building management on the  
2 capitol campus properties; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is known as the "Top State for Doing Business"; and

4 WHEREAS, many companies in this state and institutions within the University System of  
5 Georgia have excellent sustainability and resiliency programs; and

6 WHEREAS, recycling, managing recovered materials, reducing waste, and composting are  
7 good for Georgia's economy; the \$2.5 billion recycling industry in Georgia sustains over  
8 12,500 jobs and generates \$232.5 million in state and local taxes; and

9 WHEREAS, more than 100 manufacturers in Georgia depend upon recycled plastic, glass,  
10 metal, paper, and organics as feedstocks in manufacturing new products, and on a per-ton  
11 basis, composting waste creates twice as many jobs as landfilling waste; and

12 WHEREAS, recycling, managing recovered materials, reducing waste, and composting are

13 good for Georgia's environment by saving energy and water, reducing greenhouse gas  
14 emissions, limiting air and water pollution, and conserving forests and other natural  
15 resources; and

16 WHEREAS, additionally, composting is good for Georgia's environment, as it conserves  
17 water, enriches soil, prevents erosion, saves money, and extends the life of landfills; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia should identify ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle on the  
19 capitol campus properties to support the local economy; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia should invest in technical guidance to manage waste in a  
21 sustainable manner on all state properties in the form of studies, toolkits, and technical  
22 support staff at the state level; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia realizes the need for reducing waste and improving  
24 efficiencies on the capitol campus properties and should strive to be a leader in reducing,  
25 reusing, and recycling; and

26 WHEREAS, the Rules for Safe Drinking Water were promulgated to implement the Georgia  
27 Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977 so that the citizens of this state shall be assured adequate,  
28 safe drinking water of the highest quality.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body urge the Georgia Building Authority to create a robust, sustainable  
31 materials management plan and safe drinking water plan for the capitol campus properties  
32 which include the following:

- 33 (1) The Georgia State Capitol;  
34 (2) The Coverdell Legislative Office Building;  
35 (3) 2 Capitol Square;  
36 (4) The Floyd Building;  
37 (5) The Trinity-Washington Building;  
38 (6) 254 Washington Street;  
39 (7) 244 Washington Street;  
40 (8) The Health Building;  
41 (9) Law Building;  
42 (10) Nathan Deal Judicial Center;  
43 (11) 2 Peachtree Street Building;  
44 (12) 2 Peachtree Annex Building;  
45 (13) Agriculture Building; and  
46 (14) 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Georgia Building  
48 Authority to consult with the State Properties Commission; Georgia World Congress Center;  
49 the Georgia Recycling Coalition; Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission; Atlanta Department  
50 of Watershed Management; Georgia Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia  
51 Department of Natural Resources, including the Land Protection Branch and the Watershed  
52 Protection Branch; University System of Georgia, including persons with expertise in  
53 sustainability and resiliency; Georgia Recycled Organics Council; and representatives from  
54 the industry of sustainable materials management.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Georgia Building  
56 Authority to:

- 57 (1) Investigate and characterize the waste stream created on the capitol campus;

- 58 (2) Evaluate recycling and waste output practices on the capitol campus;  
59 (3) Investigate how to provide strategic support for education and outreach and metrics  
60 and data collection of contamination in the recycling stream;  
61 (4) Study alternative waste management methods for the capitol campus properties;  
62 (5) Create a robust recovered materials management program on the capitol campus,  
63 including single-stream paper, metals including aluminum and steel, and plastics;  
64 (6) Create and implement a plan for sampling drinking water quality at the taps or  
65 fountains at the capitol campus properties for contaminants of concern;  
66 (7) Create and implement a plan for flushing the potable water system;  
67 (8) Create a plan to address any findings of water quality problems;  
68 (9) Create a plan to improve access to clean drinking water at the taps or fountains on  
69 capitol campus properties; and  
70 (10) By December 31, 2022, submit to the State Properties Committee a report detailing  
71 such findings and plans.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
73 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
74 members of the public and the press.