

## Senate Resolution 890

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the Senate Zero Waste Study Committee; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, alternative water and solar solutions, such as rainwater recapture, affordable  
3 solar power for houses, and greenhouses for organically grown produce and flowers, play a  
4 vital role in supporting Earth's ecosystems and protecting, preserving, and restoring the  
5 natural environment; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this state's water, streams, fish, and wildlife will be protected from toxic waste,  
7 pesticides, and pollutants if clean water is achieved; and
- 8 WHEREAS, clean air can be achieved by the reduction of transportation by car, truck, ship,  
9 airplane, and other CO2 emitting vehicles and by the use of alternative fuels such as  
10 electricity, biofuels, and propane gas; and
- 11 WHEREAS, every day, valuable resources can be diverted from landfills into economically  
12 viable jobs in the State of Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, study is needed on establishing methods, standards, and initiatives for the  
14 implementation and encouragement of zero waste policies in this state.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:
- 16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Zero Waste Study  
17 Committee.
- 18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
19 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a  
20 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.
- 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 or  
26 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
27 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 five 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 Senate.

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 Secretary of the Senate.

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

49 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2020.