**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A245, R270, H4831**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Joint Resolution

Sponsors: Reps. Elliott, B. Cox, Caskey, Ballentine, Wooten, McGarry, Forrest, Erickson, Bernstein, Wetmore, Carter, Atkinson, Cogswell, W. Cox, Weeks, Wheeler, Henegan and Murray

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Last Amended on June 15, 2022

Passed by the General Assembly on June 15, 2022

Governor's Action: June 17, 2022, Signed

Summary: Economic development study, conducted by Commerce Dept

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/20/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20220120.docx))

1/20/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h:\hj\20220120.docx))

1/27/2022 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henegan

1/27/2022 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20220127.docx))

2/2/2022 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Murray

2/2/2022 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Hill ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/2/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/2/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/2/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑85 Nays‑21 ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\hj\20220202.docx))

2/3/2022 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20220203.docx))

2/3/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\sj\20220203.docx))

2/3/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\sj\20220203.docx))

3/29/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\sj\20220329.docx))

4/19/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220419.docx))

4/20/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20220420.docx))

5/11/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 113](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 160](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑0 Nays‑104 ([House Journal‑page 160](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Davis, Reichenbach, Allen ([Senate Journal‑page 114](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House Conference committee appointed West, Blackwell, Ott ([House Journal‑page 190](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

6/15/2022 Senate Conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 160](file:///h:\sj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑39 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 160](file:///h:\sj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 179](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑80 Nays‑25 ([House Journal‑page 181](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 235](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/16/2022 Ratified R 270

6/17/2022 Signed By Governor

6/28/2022 Effective date 06/17/22

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY TO EVALUATE THE STATE’S BUSINESS ADVANTAGES, ECONOMIC CLIMATE, WORKFORCE READINESS, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT STATE ASSETS TO CREATE A ROADMAP TO EFFECTIVELY COMPETE IN ATTRACTING OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRIES TO THE STATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE STUDY.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Offshore wind energy, Department of Commerce economic development study**

SECTION 1. (A) The Department of Commerce must conduct an economic development study to evaluate the state’s business advantages, economic climate, workforce readiness, and any other relevant state assets to create a roadmap for South Carolina to effectively compete in attracting offshore wind energy supply chain industries to the State. This study will build upon South Carolina’s existing breadth of research including, but not limited to, the previous Phase I and Phase II Economic Impact Studies conducted by Clemson University in 2012 and 2014. The Department of Commerce also must coordinate with the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, Clemson University, or any other state agency where deemed necessary to exchange information and expertise.

(B) To the extent necessary to carry out study responsibilities, the department is authorized to employ third‑party consultants and industry experts, by contract or otherwise, as the department may consider necessary to assist in the proper discharge of the responsibility as provided by this section.

(C) In conducting the economic development study and in creating a roadmap, the department must consider at least all of the following:

(1) identification and characterization of discrete segments within the offshore wind supply chain, including major manufacturing operations, specialty component manufacturing, component assembly, and ancillary services for future offshore wind energy projects along the east coast of the United States;

(2) estimated number and type of direct manufacturing jobs;

(3) potential ancillary economic benefits;

(4) potential industry investment in South Carolina and opportunities for rural economic development;

(5) highest impact investment opportunities to produce the largest net economic benefit;

(6) potential benefits to local tax bases;

(7) expected additional contribution to state economic output;

(8) any additional information the department identifies as relevant to the conduct of its study; and

(9) actionable next steps the State should take to recruit new, and assist the expansion of existing offshore wind supply chain companies, in order to capitalize on the 109 billion dollar offshore wind industry.

**Reports to General Assembly**

SECTION 2. The Department of Commerce must submit the reports, roadmap, and any legislative recommendations to the Speaker of the House, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the President of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee one year from the date of funding.

**Funding contingency**

SECTION 3. Implementation of the provisions of this joint resolution is contingent upon funding by the General Assembly.

**Sunset**

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act are repealed on June 30, 2024.

**Time effective**

SECTION 5. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 16th day of June, 2022.

Approved the 17th day of June, 2022.

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