

Amendment: HC 7

Representative **COBB-HUNTER** proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 117 – General Provisions

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117.jfoc. (GP: Justice Forty Oversight Committee) (A) There is created a thirteen member Justice Forty Oversight Committee within state government to study opportunities to address the issue of environmental justice in South Carolina. The study committee shall be chaired by the Director of Environmental Affairs at the Department of Health and Environmental Control and shall:

(1) identify disadvantaged and marginalized communities throughout South Carolina with environmental justice impact;

(2) identify the infrastructure deficiencies in these communities;

(3) assist members of the community in developing a plan to apply for assistance to secure funding for infrastructure projects; and

(4) undertake other actions necessary to carry out the purpose of the committee.

(B) The study committee shall be comprised of:

(1) two members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;

(2) two members of the Senate who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;

(3) the Director of Environmental Affairs for the Department of Health and Environmental Control or his designee;

(4) the Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee;

(5) the Director of the Housing Finance and Development Authority or his designee;

(6) the Director of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association or his designee;

(7) the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;

(8) a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council;

(9) the Secretary of Transportation or his designee; and

(10) two members appointed by the Governor with experience in the designation and implementation of Opportunity Zones.

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(C) The study committee shall work with any other appropriate entities while undertaking its assigned duties.

(D) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide appropriate staffing for the committee.

(E) The study committee shall provide a report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council by June 30, 2023, at which time the study committee shall be dissolved.