

February 7, 2005

**H 89. RAIL SERVICE STUDY COMMISSION.** *TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON EXPANDING RAIL SERVICE.* Creates 16-member Comm'n as title indicates, eight members appointed by the Speaker and eight members appointed by the Pres. Pro Tem. Requires that Comm'n study the cost and benefits of expanding and upgrading state rail service and of establishing commuter rail service within the state and the impact that such services would have on economic development. Further requires that Comm'n study the expansion of rail service to the western and eastern areas of the state and the effect rail service would have on tourism. Provides that final report of Comm'n shall be submitted to the 2007 General Assembly. Directs Legis. Services Comm'n to allocate sufficient funds for Comm'n expenses.

**Intro. by Pate, Rapp.**

Ref. to Ways & Means

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