

By: Representative Hale

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY  
2 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE UNINTENDED IMPACT OF WIND TURBINE USAGE IN  
3 AGRICULTURE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE STUDY TO THE  
4 LEGISLATURE.

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds the installation and usage of  
6 wind turbines are potentially having unintended impacts on  
7 surrounding properties, the temperature, the ability to adequately  
8 farm certain neighboring agricultural products due to wind tower  
9 placing, the aquifer, agricultural aviation pilots, and migratory  
10 birds; and

11 WHEREAS, these potentially unintended impacts have created a  
12 need to study the impact of wind turbine usage in agriculture:

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
15 THEREIN, That:

16 (1) There is created a joint legislative study committee for  
17 the purpose of studying the impact of wind turbine usage in  
18 agriculture. The study committee shall comprehensively research  
19 these potential issues and report back to the Legislature with the



committee's recommendations and the appropriate legislation to enact those recommendations into law.

(2) The study committee shall be comprised of the following members or a designee appointed from the membership of the respective committee by a chairman:

(a) The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee;

(b) The Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee;

(c) The Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee;

(d) The Chairman of the House Energy Committee;

(e) The Chairman of the House Public Utilities Committee;

(f) The Chairman of the Senate Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee; and

(g) The Chairman of the House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee.

(3) The study committee shall meet to discuss and provide recommendations and proposed legislation for the following topics:

(a) The setbacks that are necessary to prevent wind turbines from causing property right infringement issues due to the potential displacement of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and other airborne farming substances that could be displaced to neighboring properties due to the gusts created by wind turbines;

(b) The impact wind turbine installation is having on the aquifer and other nearby water sources;



44 (c) Any potential safety concerns or issues that wind  
45 turbines cause agricultural aviation pilots to experience;

46 (d) Potential endangerment of migratory birds and the  
47 correlation to the disruption of the Mississippi Flyway;

48 (e) Adequate decommissioning funds to be set aside for  
49 wind turbines in the event that they are no longer in use; and

50 (f) Any other information deemed relevant and necessary  
51 to accomplish the tasks assigned in this subsection.

52 (4) To assist the study committee in gaining sufficient  
53 information necessary to carry out its tasks, the study committee  
54 may invite a person representing the following entities to present  
55 information at one or more meetings of the committee:

56 (a) The Public Service Commission;

57 (b) The Mississippi Department of Environmental  
58 Quality;

59 (c) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce;

60 (d) The Department of Agriculture at Mississippi State  
61 University;

62 (e) The President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau  
63 Federation, or his or her designee; and

64 (f) The President of the Mississippi Agricultural  
65 Aviation Association, or his or her designee.

66 (5) At the first meeting of the study committee, the  
67 committee shall elect from among its members a chairman and any  
68 other officers determined to be necessary. The committee shall



69 adopt rules for transacting business and keeping records. In the  
70 adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in the election of  
71 a chairman and other officers determined to be necessary, an  
72 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present is required.  
73 A majority of the members of the study committee constitutes a  
74 quorum.

75 (6) Members of the study committee shall be reimbursed in  
76 the same manner as for attending out-of-session committee  
77 meetings.

78 (7) The Legislature shall provide the staff and other  
79 support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

80 (8) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,  
81 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the  
82 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall provide, at the  
83 request of the chairman of the study committee, the facilities,  
84 assistance, information and data needed to enable the study  
85 committee to carry out its duties.

86 (9) The study committee shall develop and report its  
87 findings and proposed legislation to the Legislature before  
88 December 1, 2025.

89 (10) The study committee shall be dissolved on or before  
90 January 1, 2026.

