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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RAPP, OBERLANDER, SANKEY, MUSTIO, COHEN, MURT,  
BLOOM AND BENNINGHOFF, JUNE 26, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
JUNE 26, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 study and report on the scale and impact of wind turbines in  
3 this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Wildlife conservation and energy efficiency should  
5 be major considerations in the development of viable sources of  
6 alternative energy; and

7 WHEREAS, Wind turbines were once assumed to have no adverse  
8 environmental impacts, however, onshore wind energy facilities  
9 have been reported to kill thousands of bats and birds and  
10 require the clearing of large areas of land; and

11 WHEREAS, Many onshore and offshore wind energy facilities are  
12 being planned and constructed without adequately considering the  
13 potential or actual effects on wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS, Research and guidance are required before  
15 potentially negative impacts on wildlife become severe and  
16 irreversible; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
18 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study on

1 the use of wind turbines in this Commonwealth; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission include  
3 in its study the number of wind turbines in this Commonwealth,  
4 who owns them, which agencies oversee wind turbines and what  
5 happens to them when they are decommissioned; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission list  
7 sources and amounts of subsidies for wind turbines; and be it  
8 further

9       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission include  
10 in its study wind turbines' imprint acreage and their effects on  
11 wildlife; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission study  
13 wind turbines' impact on the electric grid; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report  
15 its findings to the Governor's office and the General Assembly  
16 within one year of the adoption of this resolution.