

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

(By Senator Snyder)

[Originating in the Committee on Government Organization]

Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance study the implementation of comprehensive, standardized procedures by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for environmental sampling and the educating, training, assessment and certification of those collecting the environmental samples.

Whereas, The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection issues and monitors thousands of permits and orders and takes other actions related to the protection of West Virginia's natural environment; and

Whereas, Tens of thousands of environmental samples are collected and analyzed and the data submitted to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for use by the Department in fulfilling its duties; and

Whereas, Many different entities, both public and private, perform environmental sampling and submit their data to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and

Whereas, Those entities perform environmental sampling through various methods and instruments and in differing quantities and

1 qualities; and

2 Whereas, Those entities employ and utilize environmental
3 sample collectors that have received varying levels of education
4 and training; and

5 Whereas, There are limited standard procedures for: the
6 collecting, measuring and analyzing of field samples; the
7 submission of data; the use of field measurement instruments used
8 in environmental sampling; and the educating, training, assessment
9 and certification of environmental sample collectors; and

10 Whereas, The West Virginia Department of Environmental
11 Protection, and the entities it regulates, would benefit from
12 comprehensive, standardized procedures for environmental sampling
13 to ensure that the highest quality and accurate environmental
14 samples and data are collected and used; and

15 Whereas, The protection of West Virginia's natural environment
16 is of major concern to all our citizens, it is in the best interest
17 of the State of West Virginia to implement comprehensive,
18 standardized procedures for environmental sampling and the
19 educating, training, assessment and certification of those
20 collecting samples; therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

22 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is hereby
23 requested to study the implementation of comprehensive,
24 standardized procedures by the West Virginia Department of

1 Environmental Protection for environmental sampling and the
2 educating, training, assessment and certification of those
3 collecting the environmental samples; and, be it

4 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
5 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on
6 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
7 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;
8 and, be it

9 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
10 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
11 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
12 Government and Finance.