RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of five (5) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the effect of wind turbines on all marine life, including, but not limited to, aquatic birds.

Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the legislators.

Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.
The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than February 7, 2019, and said commission shall expire on May 7, 2019.
EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF WIND TURBINES ON ALL MARINE LIFE

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This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the effect of wind turbines on all marine life, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than February 7, 2019, and whose life would expire on May 7, 2019.

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