

House Bill 566 - Favorable with Amendment
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee;

Please amend House Bill 566, regarding the establishment of a commission related to Confederate names, in such a way as to return it to its original wording.

There must be more commissions than there are members of the Senate at this point. Can we just stop naming things after white supremacists and change the names of things that are currently named after white supremacists? Why do we need to study it and talk about it forever before taking action? I mean, 2031??? Really???

And why should someone be paid \$80,000 a year for this? Is being the director of this sort of commission really a full-time job? If someone was getting paid \$80,000 a year, why would they want to do anything in a timely manner? I'm sure there are groups throughout the city and counties that could figure out which things have Confederate names, and pick up a dictionary to rename them. I'd do it for free.

Seriously. It's 2024. Can we stop accommodating Confederate apologists already?

Sincerely,

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