

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission
2 to study the possibility of a light rail system in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky needs a smart transportation system equal to the needs of the
4 21st century; and

5 WHEREAS, a light rail system would reduce travel times, reduce congestion, boost
6 productivity, and increase mobility; and

7 WHEREAS, a light rail system would create more jobs and reduce the need for new
8 highways and airports; and

9 WHEREAS, development of light rail stem would provide a significant boost to
10 travel and tourism by facilitating weekend leisure trips by families from smaller towns to
11 the major cities and vice versa;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
14 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

15 ➔Section 1. That the staff of the Legislative Research Commission is directed to
16 complete a study of the possibility of establishing a passenger rail system that runs from:

- 17 (1) Louisville to Lexington;
18 (2) Louisville to Northern Kentucky; and
19 (3) Northern Kentucky to Lexington.

20 ➔Section 2. The study under Section 1 of this Resolution shall include an analysis
21 of:

- 22 (1) The cost of a passenger rail system;
23 (2) The estimated ridership and estimated fares to be charged;
24 (3) The amount of government support available, both for construction and for
25 operational subsidies;
26 (4) The economic impact of passenger rail for the Commonwealth;
27 (5) An inventory of other established passenger rail networks that would offer

1 linkages into other regional or national systems; and

2 (6) Whether Kentucky's population density could support a high speed rail
3 network.

4 ➔Section 3. The study described in Sections 1 and 2 of this Resolution shall be
5 submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation and the Interim Joint
6 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue no later than December 13, 2019.

7 ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
8 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
9 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
10 designate a study completion date.