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8 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ITS
9 DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT TO REVIEW THE BENEFITS OF
10 PORTLAND LIMESTONE CEMENT AND INCENTIVIZING ITS USE.
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12 WHEREAS, Portland Limestone Cement is an innovative
13 and proven product that consists of up to 15 percent
14 limestone, an abundant natural resource in the State of
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Portland Limestone Cement has been
17 developed and utilized effectively in other states for many
18 years as a suitable alternative for traditional cement; and

19 WHEREAS, the development of Portland Limestone
20 Cement is known to result in fewer carbon dioxide emissions
21 than the production of traditional cement; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is the fifth largest
23 cement producing state in the country; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility
25 to conduct its work in a manner that will incentivize the
26 production and utilization of products known to have
27 environmental benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, federal policies are expected to continue
2 prioritizing emission reduction and sustainability with
3 specific regard to publicly funded projects; and

4 WHEREAS, for these reasons, it is in the best
5 interest of all parties engaged in the construction of state
6 projects to begin a methodical transition toward the
7 incorporation of Portland Limestone Cement; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and the Division
9 of Construction Management have the ability and discretion to
10 enact or promulgate measures that will result in the
11 utilization of Portland Limestone Cement in state projects;
12 now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature does hereby
15 encourage the Department of Finance and its Division of
16 Construction Management to review the benefits of Portland
17 Limestone Cement and adopt standards to incentivize its use in
18 state building projects, with an emphasis on those funded by
19 the Public School and College Authority, with a target date of
20 October 1, 2022, for the objectives outlined in this
21 resolution.