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HOUSE BILL 1286

Short Title: Blue Ridge Destination Ctr Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Sherrill; Cansler and Nesbitt.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 18, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL DESTINATION
CENTER.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce the sum of three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the construction of the Blue Ridge Regional Destination Center to be located next to the Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters Building in Buncombe County. The Center will house a Basic Visitors' Service, a Visitors' Information Gallery, a Visitors' Interpretive Gallery, and a giant screen theatre to maximize tourism development along the Blue Ridge Parkway and in Western North Carolina. These funds shall be used to match federal funds that may become available for this purpose.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.