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Subject: Study concerning nongovernmental entities		

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 Requests a study by the Louisiana Department of Health and legislative auditor regarding nongovernmental entities

Proposed resolution requests that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), in coordination with the legislative auditor, conduct a study and submit a report examining LDH's relationships with certain nongovernmental organizations, including nonprofits, foundations, and professional associations. The report is to include an inventory of covered entity relationships, a detailed accounting of related expenditures and funding streams, and a cost-benefit analysis assessing the operational value of each relationship and whether such relationships could be reduced, modified, or discontinued without materially affecting department operations. The resolution further requests that the legislative auditor assist LDH, as needed, in reviewing and verifying financial information associated with the report. LDH is requested to submit the report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by 2/01/27, and appear before the House Committee on Health and Welfare to present the findings. The resolution further requests a follow-up report if concerns regarding compliance, appropriations intent, or cost-effectiveness are identified.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed resolution is anticipated to increase workload and potentially increase expenditures within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) associated with conducting the requested study, compiling the inventory of covered entity relationships, performing financial and operational analyses, preparing reports, and presenting findings before the House Committee on Health and Welfare. This review includes contracts, grants, memberships, travel expenditures, personnel activity, and externally facilitated funding streams across multiple LDH offices and divisions, including Medicaid administration, public health initiatives, grants management, provider coordination, training activities, and federally funded programs. The magnitude of the additional workload is dependent on the number of covered entities reviewed, the availability and accessibility of historical financial and operational records, and whether additional contractual, auditing, legal, or data analysis support is needed.

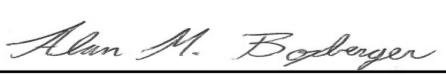
LDH indicates the review would involve approximately 10 months of work effort across legal, programmatic, and administrative staff and reports the need for four additional personnel positions associated with conducting the study. For informational purposes, LDH provided an estimated increase in expenditures totaling approximately \$502,170 in FY 26-27, including \$295,000 associated with two attorney positions, \$133,750 associated with one program manager position, \$69,473 associated with one administrative support position, \$2,667 in operating services, and \$1,280 in equipment costs. **While the LFO acknowledges that the proposed resolution would increase workload within LDH, the need for additional personnel and associated expenditures, as reported by the department, cannot be independently verified. To the extent the required activities are performed utilizing existing personnel and resources, some or all costs may be absorbed within existing resources.**

Any additional workload incurred by the legislative auditor (LLA) would depend on the scope and extent of assistance requested by LDH in compiling, reviewing, or verifying the financial components of the report. LLA indicates any such increase in workload is anticipated to be absorbable within existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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