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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY AND CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

To create the Task Force on Advanced Drilling to study the impacts of carbon storage on mineral rights and oil and gas operations.

WHEREAS, the issue of drilling through carbon dioxide storage facilities is an important issue affecting many aspects of mineral development in the state; and

WHEREAS, additional drilling and operating costs incurred as a result of carbon storage needs to be studied, in particular how it may affect mineral interest owners and disposal well operations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a thorough examination of the current regulations and policies governing drilling through storage facilities, existing avenues for compensation of mineral owners and reimbursement of additional drilling and operating costs, and current geological and engineering standards; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of these aspects of carbon storage will provide valuable insights into the concerns of mineral owners, disposal well operators, and industry stakeholders and facilitate the development of informed and equitable solutions to those concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Advanced Drilling to study the impacts of carbon dioxide storage on mineral rights and oil and gas operations, and may propose recommendations for specifications, regulations, and guidelines, together with specific proposals for legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations or proposals shall be submitted by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, as required by R.S. 24:772, by March 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recommends that the task force include consideration of the following:

(1) Geologic and engineering factors relative to drilling through carbon dioxide storage facilities.

(2) Additional drilling and operating costs that can be expected as a result of carbon dioxide storage, and in particular, economic impacts on mineral owners and disposal well operations.

(3) Current regulations and policies governing drilling through storage facilities.

(4) Existing avenues for compensation of mineral owners and reimbursement of additional drilling and operating costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two members representing the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, to be designated by the chairman.

(2) One member representing independent oil and gas operators, to be designated by the chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

(3) Two members representing the Department of Conservation and Energy, one of whom shall have relevant legal expertise and one of whom shall have relevant geological expertise, to be designated by the secretary.

(4) One member designated by the executive director of the Louisiana State University Energy Institute.

(5) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

(6) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association.

(7) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Chemical Association.

(8) Any additional members designated by the chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment as he deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the names of designees to the task force to the executive director of the Louisiana State University Energy Institute no later than July 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at the first meeting, the members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than October 1, 2026, at the call of the executive director of the Louisiana State University Energy Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Louisiana State University Energy Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and all official actions of the task force shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the conclusion of its business or April 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy, the executive director of the Louisiana State University Energy Institute, the president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, and the president of the Louisiana Chemical Association.

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