

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 370

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND KNOX

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the economic impact that the city of New Orleans has on the state fisc and to report his findings to the House Committee on Appropriations.

WHEREAS, with its diverse cultural offerings, extensive entertainment options, and reputation for excellent cuisine, the city of New Orleans is a consistently attractive option for state and national conventions, sporting events, and the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, from Mardi Gras parades to nationally recognized festivals to professional sports competitions, the city plays host year round to events that attract visitors from all over the state, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, because of its location at the mouth of a navigable river and near the Gulf of Mexico, the city is an important hub for the cruise line industry, which brings tens of thousands of visitors year round for departures to domestic and international destinations; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans & Company figures show the city welcomed nineteen million visitors in 2025, generating over ten billion dollars in spending; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans is also an economic hub, connecting the United States with the rest of America and with other countries through the Port of New Orleans—one of the busiest ports in the country—keeping a stream of goods and products moving through the economy; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development notes that the New Orleans metro area is ranked No. 2 in America for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact that the city and its diverse attractions contribute to the state's financial position has not been holistically measured; and

WHEREAS, a clear picture of the economic benefit that the city of New Orleans contributes to the rest of the state will be helpful in determining allocation of state resources in future years as the city works to continue securing tourism dollars and big ticket events such as sporting events and championships, national festivals, and conventions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the economic impact that the city of New Orleans has had on the state fisc over the past ten fiscal years and to report his findings to the House Committee on Appropriations prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Revenue assist the legislative auditor with this study by supplying historical collections information as requested by the legislative auditor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the legislative auditor and the secretary of the Department of Revenue.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES