



1           WHEREAS, the elimination of access and cost issues that railroads cause is  
2 necessary to expand broadband service into unserved areas; and

3           WHEREAS, a study of the current effects that railroads have on broadband  
4 deployment is a critical component to solving the broadband accessibility issue.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on Commerce  
7 to meet and study the current effects that railroads have on broadband deployment and to  
8 report its findings to the legislature.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Commerce shall solicit  
10 input, recommendations, and advice from, but not limited to, the following or their  
11 representatives:

- 12           (1) AT&T.
- 13           (2) CenturyLink.
- 14           (3) Charter.
- 15           (4) Cleco.
- 16           (5) Comcast.
- 17           (6) Cox Communications.
- 18           (5) CSX Transportation.
- 19           (7) EATEL.
- 20           (8) Entergy.
- 21           (9) Suddenlink.
- 22           (10) The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives.
- 23           (11) The BNSF Railway.
- 24           (12) The Canadian National Railway.
- 25           (13) The Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association.
- 26           (14) Hunt Telecommunications.
- 27           (15) The Kansas City Southern Railway.
- 28           (16) The Louisiana Cable Association.
- 29           (17) The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- 30           (18) The Louisiana Internet and Television Association.

- 1 (19) The Louisiana Southern Railroad.  
2 (20) The Louisiana Telecommunications Association.  
3 (21) The Norfolk Southern Railway.  
4 (22) The Union Pacific Railroad Company.  
5 (23) Unity Communications.  
6 (24) Verizon.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Commerce shall report  
8 its findings to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the  
9 Legislature.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
11 AT&T, CenturyLink, Charter, Cleco, Comcast, Cox Communications, CSX Transportation,  
12 EATEL, Entergy, Suddenlink, the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, the BNSF  
13 Railway, the Canadian National Railway, the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet  
14 Association, Hunt Telecommunications, the Kansas City Southern Railway, the Louisiana  
15 Cable Association, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the  
16 Louisiana Internet and Television Association, the Louisiana Southern Railroad, the  
17 Louisiana Telecommunications Association, the Norfolk Southern Railway, the Union  
18 Pacific Railroad Company, Unity Communications, and Verizon.

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Urges and requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the effects that the railroads have on broadband deployment.