

1 WHEREAS, export growth increases jobs by generating new business for Louisiana's
2 manufacturers, service providers, and farmers; and

3 WHEREAS, imports lower prices and increase choices for Louisiana companies and
4 families; and

5 WHEREAS, trade-supported jobs are not just at companies that export and import;
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7 WHEREAS, trade supports higher wages for workers and lower costs for companies
8 and consumers, providing them with more money to spend on other things; and

9 WHEREAS, this spending supports additional jobs throughout the economy in
10 sectors like entertainment, education, and construction; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks among the top U.S. state exporters in various industries,
12 including grain and oilseed milling products, farmed fish, petroleum and coal products, and
13 basic chemicals; and

14 WHEREAS, a purposeful and strategic approach to trade regulation, agreements, and
15 investments would benefit Louisiana's economic future and the future of Louisiana families.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 extend the Joint Subcommittee on International Trade of the House Committee on
18 Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International
19 Affairs to meet and to study the best international trade practices to implement in order to
20 capitalize on Louisiana's competitive advantage in international trade and to report the
21 findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular
22 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
24 joint subcommittee to solicit input, information, data, recommendations, and advice from
25 the following agencies and organizations:

26 (1) The Department of Economic Development.

27 (2) The Department of Transportation and Development.

28 (3) Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

29 (4) The Committee of 100.

30 (5) The Louisiana Chemical Association.

- 1 (6) Ports Association of Louisiana.
 - 2 (7) Louisiana Association of Waterways and Shipyards.
 - 3 (8) Louisiana Rail Association.
 - 4 (9) Louisiana Motor Transportation Association.
 - 5 (10) Any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that it deems necessary to fulfill
 - 6 the purposes of the joint subcommittee.
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DIGEST

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Continues the Joint Subcommittee on International Trade to meet and to study the best practices to implement in order to capitalize on Louisiana's international trade potential.