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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

STATE AGENCIES: Urges and requests state agencies report certain fiscal data on transportation services provided to their clients

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

| 2 | To urge and request each state agency report fiscal data regarding the amount, source, and |
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| 3 | spending categories of any program funds spent on transportation services for their |
| 4 | clients. |
| 5 | WHEREAS, inadequate transportation forces state agency programs to pay for |
| 6 | transportation services for the individuals they serve to be able to participate in their |
| 7 | programs; and |
| 8 | WHEREAS, these programs would fail to fulfill their stated purposes without these |
| 9 | transportation services; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, persons who are disabled or elderly rely on public transportation to live |
| 11 | and work in their communities, and a lack of reliable transportation severely limits their |
| 12 | ability to live independently; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, current transportation funding sources are duplicative and lack |
| 14 | coordination to avoid waste and ensure optimal use; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, many of these sources can be used to match federal dollars and expand |
| 16 | transportation services statewide; and |
| 17 | WHEREAS, obtaining fiscal data on state agency spending for transportation |
| 18 | services will help better coordinate transportation services across the state and reduce the |
| 19 | need to take funds from non transportation state agency programs. |

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

- 2 urge and request that the agency head or designee of each state agency report to the
- 3 Department of Transportation and Development, public transportation section, by August
- 4 1, 2023, the amount, source, and spending category for any transportation services during
- 5 Fiscal Year 2022, including direct payments to clients, as well as funds paid to vendors or
- 6 contractors, or that there are no funds or expenditures to report.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
- 8 Development, public transportation section, shall then compile a summary report that
- 9 identifies the total amount spent on transportation services by state agency programs.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
- Development, public transportation section, shall examine the data and report to the House
- 12 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works Committee by February 1, 2024, with a
- 13 recommendation on how the state can better coordinate and maximize transportation services
- 14 for the citizens of the state of Louisiana.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- agency head of each state agency.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests state agencies to report fiscal data for program funds spent on transportation services for their clients and that the data be compiled by the commissioner of administration for use in better coordinating transportation services. Urges agency heads to provide a summary report of the collected data to the Dept. of Transportation and Development, public transportation section, by Dec. 1, 2023. Requires the department report their recommendations to the House transportation committees by Feb. 1, 2024.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Change the entity responsible for reporting transportation cost related data <u>from</u> fiscal officers <u>to</u> agency head or designee.
- 2. Change the entity responsible for compiling the transportation cost related data <u>from</u> the commissioner of administration <u>to</u> the Dept. of Transportation and Development, public transportation section.

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3. Change the date that transportation cost related data is to be submitted <u>from Oct.</u> 1, 2023 to Aug. 1, 2023.

- 4. Remove from public transportation section the requirement to provide the report to the Dept. of Transportation by Dec. 1, 2023.
- 5. Change the authority for a copy of the resolution to be transmitted <u>from</u> the commissioner of administration <u>to</u> the agency head of each state agency.