

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN AND WILLARD AND SENATOR DUPLESSIS

INSURANCE/PROPERTY: Requests the Department of Insurance to report certain information regarding the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Insurance to annually report the number of minority
3 agents that receive grant funds and contracts from the Insure Louisiana Incentive
4 Program.

5 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program was enacted through the
6 passage of Act No. 754 during the 2022 Regular Session as a means to foster cooperative
7 economic development and stability within the state of Louisiana by encouraging a surplus
8 of property insurers to partake in the voluntary property insurance market; and

9 WHEREAS, the intention and expectation of the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program
10 was to upsurge the obtainability of property insurance, increase competitive pressure on
11 insurance rates, and condense the volume of insurance policies written by the Louisiana
12 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program offers matching grants to
14 incentivize new and existing insurance companies to write residential and commercial
15 policies in coastal areas, including writing policies out of the Louisiana Citizens Property
16 Insurance Corporation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program applies to the following insurers
18 operating and writing insurance for residential and commercial properties in this state:
19 authorized insurers as defined in R.S. 22:46(3), eligible unauthorized insurers as defined in
20 R.S. 22:46(10), surplus lines insurers as defined in R.S. 22:46(27), and domestic surplus
21 lines insurers as provided for in R.S. 22:436.1; and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance has approved the following eight
2 companies to receive grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program: Allied Trust
3 Insurance Company, Cajun Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange, Constitution Insurance
4 Company, Elevate Reciprocal Exchange, Gulf States Insurance Company, SafePoint
5 Insurance Company, SafePort Insurance Company, and SureChoice Underwriters Reciprocal
6 Exchange; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Legislature of Louisiana to ensure diversity,
8 equity, and inclusion are present within the insurance industry in the state of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance should work to increase access for
10 minority agents within the state of Louisiana and annually reporting the extent of contracts
11 and grant funds being disbursed to minority agents from the Insure Louisiana Incentive
12 Program could be beneficial; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana earmarked forty-five million dollars in
14 funds to support the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program and as of April 12, 2023, the
15 Department of Insurance has not used more than three million dollars of the forty-five
16 million dollars; and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance's division of diversity and opportunity
18 should partner with the National African American Insurance Association to foster new
19 developments, strategies, and policies that would insure that the Insure Louisiana Incentive
20 Program is progressively benefitting minority agents; and

21 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance's division of diversity and opportunity, the
22 National African American Insurance Association, and the Legislature of Louisiana should
23 work together to insure that minority agents are provided a nondiscriminatory opportunity
24 to obtain contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Legislature of Louisiana to ensure that minority
26 insurance agents have a fair opportunity to participate in the program.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 urge and request the Department of Insurance to monitor and annually report the number of
29 contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program awarded to minority
30 agents.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Insurance shall annually
2 submit a written report to the Legislature of Louisiana that indicates the percentage, amount,
3 and number of contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program
4 awarded to minority insurance agents.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first report shall be submitted on or before
6 September 1, 2023.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 commissioner of insurance.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Insurance to annually report the percentage and amount of minority agents that receive contracts and grant funds from the Insure La. Incentive Program.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Add SafePort Insurance as one of the companies approved for grant funds from the program.
2. Make technical changes.