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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR CLOUD

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. Establishes the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and Sequestration to study the benefits and revenue streams of carbon capture and sequestration projects.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2 To create and provide for the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and 3 Sequestration. 4 WHEREAS, Louisiana is a national leader on the cutting edge of industrial 5 innovation in the oil and gas, petrochemical, and energy production industries; and WHEREAS, there is renewed worldwide interest in carbon capture and sequestration 6 7 (CCS) projects as a means to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions; and 8 WHEREAS, Louisiana is blessed with a world-class volume of available pore space 9 for storage and is home to established pipeline, industry, transportation, and other key infrastructure, all in a compact geographical area, ideally positioning the state for 10 11 development of the CCS sector into the future; and WHEREAS, in addition to helping improve the state's environment, CCS projects 12 13 hold massive potential for economic growth, including job creation, increased energy production, and generation of business and tax revenue; and 14 WHEREAS, Louisiana has submitted an Underground Injection Control program 15 revision package to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeking approval of 16 revisions to the state's Safe Drinking Water Act program to include Class VI injection well 17 18 primary enforcement responsibility; and

1	WHEREAS, primary enforcement responsibility, or primacy, for injection wells will
2	allow the state to permit and oversee CCS projects with improved efficiency, giving
3	Louisiana the edge to becoming a hub of sustainable growth and development of CCS
4	industry innovation; and
5	WHEREAS, with the rapid rise in research, development, and capitalization of CCS
6	projects, it is vital that all stakeholders have a seat at the table to ensure that the rights and
7	interests of all Louisianians are protected.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9	establish and provide for the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and
10	Sequestration to study and propose recommendations regarding the impact of carbon capture
11	and sequestration projects across the state.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the
13	following members:
14	(1) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.
15	(2) Two members appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural
16	Resources.
17	(3) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
18	(4) Two members appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Natural
19	Resources and Environment.
20	(5) The attorney general, or his designee.
21	(6) The director of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute, or his designee.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member appointed by the president of the
23	Senate shall call the first meeting, which shall occur no later than August 15, 2023, and shall
24	preside as chair until the task force elects a chair.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall elect a chairman and other
26	officers as the members may deem appropriate and shall follow applicable rules for
27	committee procedure found in the Louisiana Senate Rules of Order.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force membership shall
29	constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any official action by the task force
30	shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as often as necessary
and shall be assisted by employees of the Department of Natural Resources.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting its study, the task force will seek
input and advice from all interested parties, which shall include the following:
(1) State and local government entities.
(2) Landowners.
(3) Citizens.
(4) Academic and research institutions.
(5) Industry.
(6) Utilities.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a final report on or
before February 15, 2024, to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House
Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, and upon submission of the final report,
shall cease to exist.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
attorney general, the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the director of
the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute.
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.
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- (3) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
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