

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR CARTER

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Creates a task force to study the costs of expenses and the utilization of the New Orleans ferries, connecting Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a task force to study the expenses and the utilization of the New Orleans ferries
3 that connect Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

4 WHEREAS, the New Orleans ferries have traveled across the Mississippi River to
5 Algiers Point since 1827; and

6 WHEREAS, the Canal Street and Algiers Point ferries are still currently connecting
7 the east and west bank of New Orleans; and

8 WHEREAS, the New Orleans and Gretna ferries provides access to and from St.
9 Bernard Parish, Gretna, and from the East Bank to the West Bank of New Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, the ferry is an alternative form of transportation for the purpose of
11 commuting to work and for those who do not have fast access to the interstate system from
12 New Orleans or Plaquemines Parish; and

13 WHEREAS, the ferries are a conduit for tourist attractions, commuters, pedestrians
14 and bicyclists; and

15 WHEREAS, the flurry of activity around the ferries enhance the adjacent businesses
16 and the local economy; and

17 WHEREAS, the Senate desires a study of the cost of operating the ferries as well as
18 the usage of the ferries by commuters and pedestrians.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
2 does hereby create a task force to study the cost of expenses and the utilization of the New
3 Orleans ferries that connect Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the
5 following members:

6 (1) The state senator for Senate District 7 or his designee, who shall serve as
7 chairman of the task force.

8 (2) A member appointed by the senator for Senate District 7.

9 (3) The congressman for the Louisiana Second Congressional District or his
10 designee.

11 (4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
12 designee.

13 (5) The chief executive officer of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
14 or his designee.

15 (6) The member who represents District C of the New Orleans City Council or
16 his designee.

17 (7) The president of St. Bernard Parish or his designee.

18 (8) The mayor of Gretna or his designee.

19 (9) The executive director of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation or
20 his designee.

21 (10) The president of the Algiers Development District or his designee.

22 (11) The president of the Algiers Point Neighborhood Association or his designee.

23 (12) The president of the New Orleans Neighborhoods Association or his
24 designee.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
26 without compensation except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
27 individually certified as members of the constituent organizations.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
29 constitute a quorum of the task force and that any official action shall require an affirmative
30 vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

