

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a task force to study and make recommendations on ways to increase the number of retirement communities in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of providing adequate retirement community options for its aging population, retirees, and prospective retirees; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear and growing need to expand and diversify retirement community offerings in Louisiana; when adequately supported, these communities promote greater independence and quality of life for aging residents and provide them with the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, a thriving retirement community sector can attract retirees from other states, contributing to Louisiana's economic growth and vitality; the development of retirement community options can also attract investment in the state's real estate market and increase property values; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of retirement communities will bring job creation, increased tax revenues, and enhanced local economic development within the state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana further recognizes the unique needs of its retirement-aged community and of all retirement-aged Americans, including access to affordable housing, quality healthcare services, social engagement opportunities, and recreational activities that promote physical and mental well-being.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish a task force to study and make recommendations on ways to increase the number of retirement communities in Louisiana and make the state a more welcoming place for retirees to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall conduct research, gather data, analyze trends, and engage with stakeholders to identify opportunities and challenges in expanding retirement communities in Louisiana.

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

- (1) One representative of AARP Louisiana appointed by its state director.
- (2) The executive director of the governor's Office of Elderly Affairs or his designee.
- (3) One member appointed by the president of the Louisiana Home Builders Association.
- (4) One member appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Commerce from the retirement community, who shall serve as chair of the task force.
- (5) The representative of House District No. 14 or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elderly Affairs shall provide support staff.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2025.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE