

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To create a subcommittee to be comprised of members of the House Committee on Commerce to study the makeup of the current music industry ecosystem of this state and the impact on the state's economy and to make recommendations for policy and legislative changes on or before February 1, 2025, that will incentivize the development of an indigenous self-supporting industry.

WHEREAS, music is one of Louisiana's greatest resources; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the birthplace of many of the world's unique musical styles, such as jazz, blues, zydeco, swamp pop, rock and roll, gospel, country, bounce, rhythm and blues, and Cajun music; and

WHEREAS, the music industry in this state is an economic driver contributing one billion, two hundred million dollars to the state's gross domestic product and employs over thirty thousand Louisiana residents; and

WHEREAS, the music industry in this state has not been fully recognized as a true industry akin to the food, tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing of this state; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the largest industries in this state and music is regarded as one of the primary tourist attractions; and

WHEREAS, this state has numerous postsecondary education institutions devoted to educating future music creators and music industry professionals; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for current and future music creators and for the economy of this state to incentivize growth in the music industry support system of this state, within which music industry careers are developed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for a subcommittee of the House Committee on Commerce to review the state's incentive laws for music and live performance industries, to study the makeup of the state's current music industry ecosystem and the impact on the state's economy, and to make recommendations for policy and legislative changes on or before February 1, 2025, that will incentivize the development of an indigenous self-supporting industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on Commerce or his designee shall serve as chairman of the subcommittee at its initial meeting to be held on or before September 15, 2024, and that the subcommittee will host a minimum of five meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall hold public hearings to receive testimony from any interested party and shall specifically solicit advice and guidance from music industry professionals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before March 1, 2025, the subcommittee established by this Resolution shall submit to the House of Representatives a written report of its findings and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES