

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 160

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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Credit Union League to work on viable loan and product alternatives for consumers who do not qualify for traditional bank loans and services.

WHEREAS, millions of Americans borrow small loans to cover ordinary living expenses and emergency events that may occur; and

WHEREAS, not every person who needs a small loan to cover his expenses qualifies for bank loans or products so he is forced to borrow from companies that issue loans that carry significant fees and interest rates; and

WHEREAS, the need for consumers to be able to make such loans to cover ordinary and emergencies expenses exists and credit unions in states like North Carolina and Wisconsin have launched programs that offer alternatives to traditional bank loans and fast-cash lending; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans are members of credit unions, which are entities that are cooperative, member-owned, not-for-profit financial institutions organized to promote thrift and provide credit to its members; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of a credit union is to work towards encouraging its members to save money and traditionally, credit unions make loans to people of ordinary means; and

WHEREAS, members of credit unions would benefit from alternatives to traditional bank loans and services when they need small loans to cover ordinary and emergency expenses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Louisiana Credit Union League work on viable loan and product alternatives to consumers who do not qualify for traditional bank loans, and submit to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs a written report by March 1, 2015, containing a description of loan and product alternatives for such consumers and the feasibility of implementation in credit unions throughout Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Credit Union League.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE