

Urges and requests the Dept. of Economic Development to encourage new and existing La. companies to create strategies aimed to increase the number of women employed in STEM positions.

Explains the most recent trends in wage disparities between women and men across the nation and in the state of La.

Explains the meaning of STEM and its economic impact across the nation and our state relative to the wage disparity between women and men.

Encourages companies relocating to the state of La. to show their commitment to women in STEM by encouraging the diversity of their current staff and by working with educational systems in the state of La. to promote women in STEM positions.

Urges the state to continue encouraging La. firms offering STEM-related jobs to make these jobs known to students and graduates through technological portals.

Encourages the La. Women's Policy and Research Commission, the La. Legislative Women's Caucus, the Office on Women's Policy, the La. Dept. of Education, the La. Board of Regents, and LED to collectively commit to seeing an increase in the number of women studying and working in STEM disciplines by crafting recruitment strategies highlighting STEM positions as open and available to women.