

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 219

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TOURISM: Requests that certain local government representatives in Iberia Parish meet with members of the governing board of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair to discuss costs associated with services provided during the festival and fair

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request representatives from the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission, the office
3 of the sheriff of Iberia Parish, the office of the mayor of the city of New Iberia, and
4 the governing authority of the city of New Iberia to meet with the members of the
5 governing board of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair to discuss the
6 services that are traditionally provided during the festival and fair, including security,
7 traffic control, and sanitation, and the costs associated with those services, to develop
8 a list of public and private entities that are available to provide such services in the
9 future and the proposed fees to be charged by such entities, and to provide for a
10 written report of findings and recommendations to the legislative delegation
11 representing Iberia Parish no later than September 1, 2015.

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair, which has been hosted by
13 community leaders in the city of New Iberia since 1937, is one of the oldest agricultural fairs
14 and harvest festivals in the state honoring Louisiana's sugar industry; and

15 WHEREAS, the five-day event includes activities that showcase sugar cane
16 machinery and production equipment, and local museum exhibits emphasize the importance
17 of sugar cane to the region; and

18 WHEREAS, although the five days of festivities provide an economic contribution
19 to the Acadiana region in excess of two million dollars, the costs of services provided during

1 the festival and fair, including costs for security, traffic control, and sanitation, continue to
2 escalate and may eventually threaten the financial stability of the event; and

3 WHEREAS, the governing board of Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair, which
4 consists of members representing sugar producing parishes across Louisiana, should meet
5 with local parish representatives to discuss the costs of services provided during the event
6 and to map out a strategy to reduce unnecessary expenditures associated with the event in
7 order to enhance its economic contribution throughout the region; and

8 WHEREAS, the governing board of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair,
9 along with local government representatives, should make every effort to place the festival
10 and fair on sound financial footing in order to ensure the continued celebration of
11 Louisiana's sugar industry.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request representatives from the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission, the office of
14 the sheriff of Iberia Parish, the office of the mayor of the city of New Iberia, and the
15 governing authority of the city of New Iberia to meet with the members of the governing
16 board of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair to discuss the services that are
17 traditionally provided during the festival and fair, including security, traffic control, and
18 sanitation, and the costs associated with those services, to develop a list of public and private
19 entities that are available to provide such services in the future and the proposed fees to be
20 charged by such entities, and to provide for a written report of findings and
21 recommendations to the legislative delegation representing Iberia Parish no later than
22 September 1, 2015.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24 to the sheriff of Iberia Parish, the mayor of the city of New Iberia, the governing authority
25 of the city of New Iberia, and the director of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission.

DIGEST

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