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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration to institute a method of tracking energy and water usage at state universities, state offices, and state buildings utilizing the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, and to prepare annual reports on energy and water usage at these properties and post it on the division of administration's website.

WHEREAS, the state government is one of the largest owners and operators of buildings in Louisiana and a major consumer of energy and water; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of this state expect the housing of state agencies to be accomplished in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, energy and water demand reductions motivated by benchmarking can result in direct cost savings to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is a no-cost online system that can be used to track and manage energy and water usage; and

WHEREAS, since the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is a no-cost online system, the division of administration should utilize it and train state university, state office, and state building staff to track and report energy and water usage on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, state government and its employees can demonstrate leadership by incorporating energy efficient practices and behavior into daily and long term operations that will preserve natural resources, conserve energy and water, and reduce waste and pollution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the division of administration to develop and implement a standardized reporting method to benchmark, monitor, track, and report energy and water use at state universities, state offices, and state buildings, utilizing the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to measure and report energy and water efficiency for facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the division of administration prepare annual reports on energy and water usage to be posted to the division of administration website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Administration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE