

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Requests DOTD to investigate feasibility of planting bamboo cane or other sound-reducing vegetation along the outer right-of-way of I-10 in Ascension Parish to provide a noise barrier and to reduce mowing.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to investigate the
3 feasibility of planting bamboo cane or other sound-reducing vegetation along the
4 outer right-of-way of Interstate 10 in Ascension Parish to provide a sound barrier and
5 to reduce mowing expenses incurred by the department.

6 WHEREAS, noise levels from traffic traveling on Interstate 10 in and through
7 Ascension Parish disturb the peaceful enjoyment of residential neighborhoods adjoining and
8 near the highway right-of-way; and

9 WHEREAS, noise barrier walls along highway rights-of-way are costly to construct
10 and maintain, and provide only minimal noise reduction; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development is required to
12 maintain vegetation and cut grass on highway rights-of-way; and

13 WHEREAS, due to budgetary restraints, limited funds are available to construct
14 noise barriers and to mow highway rights-of-way; and

15 WHEREAS, planting bamboo cane or other sound-reducing vegetation along the
16 outer right-of-way of Interstate 10 may serve a dual purpose to provide a noise barrier and
17 to reduce mowing expenses.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

1 does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to
2 investigate the feasibility of planting bamboo cane or other sound-reducing vegetation along
3 the outer right-of-way of Interstate 10 in Ascension Parish to provide a noise barrier and to
4 reduce mowing, and to submit a written report of its feasibility investigation to the Senate
5 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works not later than February 1, 2018.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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