



1           WHEREAS, Louisiana's agricultural community can choose to embrace or eschew  
2 this local market, but many facets of our economy will suffer if Louisiana does not begin the  
3 commitment to locally grown agricultural products; and

4           WHEREAS, a goal of this study is the establishment of a local and sustainable  
5 agriculture department within the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or the  
6 Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center to study the seeds, markets,  
7 cultures, consumers, and barriers to state markets, to research local preference programs, and  
8 to research and expand the School Lunch Louisiana Program; and

9           WHEREAS, an additional goal of this study is the establishment of a Louisiana Food  
10 Policy Council that will meet annually with the commissioner of the Department of  
11 Agriculture and Forestry, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Southern  
12 University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, and constituents such as chefs,  
13 brewers, public health officials, doctors, millers, students, and other members of the general  
14 public to: make policy recommendations for legislative sessions; establish an at-large  
15 agricultural liaison between the division of administration, Louisiana State University,  
16 Southern University, the Governor's office, and members of the general public; work with  
17 appropriate legislative committees, including the House and Senate committees on  
18 agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, and rural development, on legislation and policy  
19 directives; and maintain the lawful, federal requirement that the Louisiana State University  
20 Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center  
21 provide research and recommendations for all constituents in their districts.

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Agriculture and  
24 Forestry, in collaboration with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the  
25 Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, to study the feasibility of  
26 promoting the growth, production, and use of organic produce in this state, the establishment  
27 of a local and sustainable agriculture department within the Louisiana State University  
28 Agricultural Center or the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center,  
29 and the establishment of a Louisiana Food Policy Council.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of  
2 its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on agriculture,  
3 forestry, aquaculture, and rural development by February 1, 2018.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
5 commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the vice president of  
6 agriculture of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and the chancellor-dean  
7 of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

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#### DIGEST

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#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Make a technical change.