

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To extend the creation, members, and charge of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature to study and make recommendations regarding increasing resilience in various modes of transportation through increased communication, collaboration, development of geographic information technologies, and new innovations in transportation resilience.

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature created the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council to make recommendations to the legislature relative to improvements in commercial and workforce transportation to assist in making the Louisiana economy more resilient to disaster, and to advise the Department of Transportation and Development on actions necessary to accomplish the following, including any additional recommendations the council may find beneficial:

(1) Provide advanced geospatial planning and coordination to predict and avoid points of failure and to inform transportation provided in real time of routes likely to remain open during and after a disaster;

(2) Recommend agreements between providers of different modes of transportation, companies shipping or receiving goods, and public agencies to provide for effective routing of transportation under scenarios;

(3) Support funding and resources to increase utilization of technology and new innovations in lessening the risk of closure, including innovation in water, road, and air modes of transportation;

(4) Increase effectiveness of relationships among local, state, and federal transportation agencies, providers of transportation, shippers and receivers of goods, and

their employees, to ensure constant communication and robust predisaster recovery planning; and

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature further mandated submission of a written report and recommendations, no later than February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, individual members of the council were appointed, an organizational meeting was held where co-chairpersons were elected, and an executive committee was appointed; and

WHEREAS, the council met numerous occasions seeking to identify all potential entities available to assist in the gathering of essential data and other resources necessary for preparation of a written report on or before February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the mandate charged to the council has become a project of such proportion not envisioned by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, as of its December 11, 2017, meeting, all of the necessary resource entities have been identified and are ready to commence the necessary studies to formulate a written report; and

WHEREAS, the council submitted a preliminary report on January 31, 2018, indicating that a final detailed written report cannot be finalized and submitted by February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the co-chairmen of the council request extension of the creation, members, and charge to the council, all as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, and that the council submit a final written report on or before March 1, 2019, to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairmen of the house and senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works, and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby accept the preliminary report of the council submitted on January 1, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend

the creation, members, and charge of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council to meet, undertake projects, and make recommendations to the legislature relative to improvements in commercial and workforce transportation to assist in making the Louisiana economy more resilient to disaster, all as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall continue to be supported by the Department of Transportation and Development, assisted by the Department of Economic Development, and shall be a public-private partnership including local, state, and federal agencies, private transport and business associations, and quasi-governmental entities such as regional planning districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the council shall continue to serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which any member may be individually entitled as a member of their respective organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall continue to provide meeting space for all council meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall submit a final written report and recommendations, no later than March 1, 2019, to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the house and senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works, and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, the executive director of the office of community development within the division of administration, and the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES