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SENATE STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Requests the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to study the feasibility of developing an incentives plan that rewards private businesses and industry that voluntarily share cyber threat and defensive measures.

1	A STUDY REQUEST
2	To request the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International
3	Affairs to study the feasibility of establishing an incentives plan to encourage private
4	businesses and industry to voluntarily share cyber threat and related defensive
5	measure information with groups enrolled with the Information Sharing and Analysis
6	Standards Organization.
7	WHEREAS, cybersecurity threats are constant and criminals consistently target
8	computer networks, thereby increasing the number and exigent danger of cybersecurity
9	breaches; and
10	WHEREAS, many of today's activities are increasingly dependent on information
11	systems, electronic devices, and data networks; new threats and vulnerabilities constantly
12	emerge, and as a result, security risks are increasing in number, frequency, and impact; and
13	WHEREAS, the state is not only negatively affected by cyber attacks against its own
14	infrastructure, but also those against its private businesses and citizens; and
15	WHEREAS, to respond to and mitigate cybersecurity threats, the state encourages
16	a partnership between private entities and public bodies that promotes the sharing of cyber
17	threat information with certain appropriate entities; and
18	WHEREAS, the Information Sharing and Analysis Standards Organization (ISAO)

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1	was developed in October 2015 by the United States Department of Homeland Security to
2	identify a common set of voluntary standards for the creation and functioning of ISAOs; and
3	WHEREAS, these standards address contractual agreements, business processes,
4	operating procedures, technical specifications, privacy protections, and more; and
5	WHEREAS, ISAOs are needed to allow communities of interest to share cyber threat
6	information with each other on a voluntary and immediate basis to address cyber threat
7	indicators; and
8	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has one existing ISAO, namely the Louisiana
9	State Analytical and Fusion Exchange, hosted by the Louisiana State Police; and
10	WHEREAS, many businesses are unaware or are not interested in sharing cyber
11	threat and defense mechanisms with the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange,
12	which inhibits the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange's ability to effectively
13	identify and neutralize cyber threats as well as promote a healthy cyber ecosystem within
14	the state; and
15	WHEREAS, it is believed that private businesses and industries will require
16	incentives, financial or otherwise, to motivate them to share cyber threats and intelligence
17	with Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange; and
18	WHEREAS, examples of such nonfinancial incentives may include additional points
19	or credits on public build contracts, access to state-issued security clearances, an established
20	telephone number accessible only to private businesses that participate in information
21	sharing that is directly answered by a cyber investigator at the Louisiana State Analytical and
22	Fusion Exchange for quick response questions, and a set annual number of accreditation
23	courses for business personnel that are free of charge, such as continuing education.
24	THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of
25	Louisiana requests that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and
26	International Affairs study the feasibility of developing an incentives plan that rewards
27	private businesses and industries that voluntarily share cyber threat and defensive measures
28	information with Louisiana-based groups enrolled with the Information Sharing and

- 29 Analysis Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to

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1 the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange .

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Morgan B. Robertson.

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