HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 by Representative Schexnayder

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 3, after "appropriate," delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 4 through
- 3 13 in their entirety and insert the following:
- 4 "to provide funding from the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, to Louisiana private
- 5 healthcare systems for COVID-19 testing and to report the proposed distribution to the

6 legislature by June 1, 2020.

- WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the president of the United States are providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through CARES Act funding and the various programs the act created; and
- WHEREAS, such funding will be used to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue in healthcare systems attributable to COVID-19; and"

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13 AMENDMENT NO. 2

- On page 1, delete lines 17 through 21 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 through
- 15 10 in their entirety and insert the following:
 - "WHEREAS, increased access to COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 antibody testing is vital to protect the public health and safety of the Louisiana people; and
 - WHEREAS, funding provided through the CARES Act is intended to help health systems across America continue to battle COVID-19 and expand capacity for the vital functions of testing, contact tracing, and containment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Health, or any other state agency as may be deemed appropriate, use funding provided to Louisiana by the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, including but not limited to a portion of the approximately one billion eight hundred million dollars received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, to support Louisiana's private sector health care systems as they seek to establish a robust COVID-19 testing infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before June 1, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Health, shall report the proposed distribution of funding called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library."