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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR FOIL

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the feasibility of providing funding for devices that remediate certain water quality impairments.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with other
entities, to study the feasibility of providing funding for remediation of storm water
quality impairments, including but not limited to sediment and aquatic trash, through
the implementation of devices to capture such impairments and the maintenance of
devices to remove such impairments from storm water systems.
WHEREAS, the proper treatment of storm water is necessary to maintain and protect
the watersheds of our state; and
WHEREAS, currently in Louisiana, most municipal storm water systems fail to
remediate storm water impairments due to a lack of available funding to install necessary
remediation equipment and properly maintain such equipment, as well as a lack of qualified
operators; and
WHEREAS, such continued lack of remediation of storm water impairments presents
a threat to the health of the citizens of Louisiana and the environment; and
WHEREAS, the implementation of devices to capture impairments, and the
maintenance of such devices to remove the impairments from the storm water systems,
together with sufficient resources to provide for ongoing maintenance and proper operation,
will result in cleaner waters and increased flood control in Louisiana.

1	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2	urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with the
3	Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the United States Geological Survey, the Louisiana
4	State University AgCenter, the Louisiana State University College of the Coast and
5	Environment, the Louisiana Stormwater Coalition, the Water Institute of the Gulf, and other
6	interested state and local governmental entities as the department deems proper, to study the
7	feasibility of providing funding for the remediation of storm water quality impairments
8	through the implementation and maintenance of devices to capture and remove impairments
9	from storm water systems.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted, by
11	electronic transmission or other method of delivery, to the secretary of the Department of
12	Environmental Quality, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the
13	regional director of the United States Geological Survey Region 4, the Louisiana State
14	University Vice President for Agriculture, the dean of the Louisiana State University College

15 of the Coast and Environment, the executive director of the Louisiana Stormwater Coalition,

16 and the president of the Water Institute of the Gulf.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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Requests the Dept. of Environmental Quality, in consultation with the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the U.S. Geological Survey, the LSU AgCenter, the LSU College of the Coast and Environment, the Louisiana Storm Water Coalition, the Water Institute of the Gulf, and other interested state and local governmental entities as the department deems proper, to study the feasibility of providing funding for the remediation of storm water quality impairments through implementation and maintenance of devices to capture and remove such impairments from storm water systems.