

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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ENVIRONMENT/ENFORCEMENT: Urges and requests the Department of Environmental Quality to implement measures to prevent the release and discharge of preproduction plastic from facilities into the waters of the state of Louisiana

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to implement measures to
3 prevent the release and discharge of preproduction plastic from facilities into the
4 waters of the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana's waterways are a primary means of transport for both
6 preproduction plastic and finished plastic products from around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, on August 2, 2020, approximately forty-eight thousand pounds of
8 preproduction plastic pellets spilled from a cargo ship moored in the Mississippi River in
9 New Orleans, Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, the potential for the future release of preproduction plastic into the
11 waters of this state presents a threat to the environment.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to implement measures to
14 prevent the release and discharge of preproduction plastic from facilities into the waters of
15 the state of Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a part of preventing the release and discharge
17 of preproduction plastics the Department of Environmental Quality should: (1) incorporate
18 into new and existing Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permits
19 a condition or conditions mandating zero discharge or release of preproduction plastic from
20 facilities which manufacture or manage such material; (2) require permitted facilities which
21 manufacture or manage preproduction plastic to maintain a spill prevention plan approved

1 by the Department of Environmental Quality, addressing procedures to prevent and abate
2 any release or discharge of preproduction plastic into the waters of the state including
3 packaging; and (3) develop and implement a spill management plan for entities transporting
4 preproduction plastics for instances when significant-quantity spill events occur.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.