2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN

HEALTH/DISEASE CONTROL: Creates the Louisiana Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To create a task force to study and make recommendations for increasing awareness of		
3	chronic kidney disease, to request the task force to work with policymakers, public		
4	health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health programs to		
5	promote awareness, and to submit a written report of its findings and		
6	recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days prior to		
7	the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.		
8	WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),		
9	when a person develops chronic kidney disease, his kidneys become damaged and over time		
10	the kidneys may not clean the blood as well as healthy kidneys; and		
11	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, kidneys that do not work well can lead to toxic		
12	waste and extra fluid accumulating in the body and may lead to high blood pressure, heart		
13	disease, stroke, and early disease; and		
14	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, an estimated fifteen percent of adults in the		
15	United States, which is equivalent to about thirty-seven million people, have chronic kidney		
16	disease; and		
17	WHEREAS, according to the CDC, approximately ninety percent of adults with		
18	chronic kidney disease do not know they have the disease and approximately forty percent		
19	of adults with severe chronic kidney disease do not know they have the disease; and		

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- 1 WHEREAS, by providing educational health programs on chronic kidney disease, 2 people with or at risk for this disease can acquire the necessary information to combat 3 chronic kidney disease; and 4 WHEREAS, by increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease through promoting 5 kidney health and promoting early diagnosis and treatment and preventing and controlling 6 risk factors for chronic kidney disease, people with or at risk for chronic kidney disease can 7 take the necessary steps to protect their kidneys. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 establish the Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force to study and make 10 recommendations for increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease, to work with 11 policymakers, public health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health 12 programs to promote awareness. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as 14 follows: 15 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee. 16 (2) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at 17 New Orleans or his designee. 18 (3) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at 19 Shreveport or his designee. 20 (4) One representative from the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana. 21 (5) One representative from the Louisiana State Medical Society. 22 (6) One representative from the Louisiana Public Health Institute. 23 One representative appointed by the American Kidney Fund. (7) 24 (8) One representative from the Tulane University School of Medicine. 25 (9) One representative from the Louisiana Primary Care Association. 26 One representative from the Southern University School of Nursing. (10)27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall 28 provide staff support as needed by the task force.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members of the task
 force shall elect a chairperson, who shall preside over the task force.

1	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without	
2	compensation.		
3	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting by		
4	September 1, 2021, and shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary for the timely		
5	performance of its duties.		
6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of		
7	its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days		
8	prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.		
9	BE I	T FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study and make	
10	recommendations to matters that include but are not limited to the following:		
11	(1)	The examination of existing disparities, if any, on how chronic kidney	
12		disease, transplantation, and kidney donation affect and impact non-	
13		minorities versus minorities and how to reduce or eliminate those disparities.	
14	(2)	The development of a sustainable plan to increase awareness about early	
15		detection, promote health equity and transplantation, and reduce the burden	
16		of kidney diseases throughout the state of Louisiana.	
17	(3)	The development of a sustainable plan to conduct health education	
18		workshops and seminars in order to promote awareness about chronic kidney	
19		disease.	
20	(4)	The development of a sustainable plan to increase preventive screening of	
21		chronic kidney disease in order to help bring awareness to the disease and to	
22		screen, find, and treat people who may have the disease.	
23	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the	
24	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the chancellor of the Louisiana State		
25	University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State		
26	University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer of the National		
27	Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the		
28	chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the president and chief		
29	executive officer of the American Kidney Fund, the dean of the Tulane University School		

- 1 of Medicine, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, and the dean
- 2 of the Southern University School of Nursing.

DIGEST

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Establishes the Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force to study and make recommendations for increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease and to work with policymakers, public health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health programs to promote awareness. Requires the task force to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature not later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 2022 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Add to the membership of the task force a representative from the Southern University School of Nursing.