

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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ENERGY PRODUCTION: Urges and requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission to investigate the benefits, feasibility, costs, and pathways to achieving a demonstrable offshore wind energy pilot project by 2026

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission to investigate the benefits,
3 feasibility, costs, and pathways to achieving a demonstrable offshore wind energy
4 pilot project by 2026.

5 WHEREAS, the experience and infrastructure of Louisiana's oil and gas industry are
6 uniquely positioned to transition into the offshore wind industry; and

7 WHEREAS, foundations for the country's first offshore wind farm, Block Island,
8 were designed by Keystone Engineering of Metairie and fabricated by Gulf Island
9 Fabrication of Houma; and

10 WHEREAS, the first Jones Act-qualified wind farm service operations vessel, the
11 Eco Edison, is being built by Edison Chouest Offshore, headquartered in Cut Off, Louisiana;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the ports and shipyards of Louisiana are ideally located and equipped
14 to handle the large component parts required for wind facility installation and power
15 production; and

16 WHEREAS, LM Wind Power's Technology Center Americas facility, located in New
17 Orleans, serves as a research and innovation hub for the wind industry; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy
19 Laboratory determined that Louisiana has the fourth highest offshore wind energy potential
20 of any state in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, a single, six hundred megawatt offshore wind project has the potential
2 to create four thousand four hundred seventy jobs and four hundred forty-five million dollars
3 in gross domestic product during construction, as well as an additional one hundred fifty
4 full-time jobs and fourteen million dollars annually during ongoing operations; and

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana has already begun to position the state as a hub for the
6 production of green hydrogen which could be supported by the use of offshore wind energy;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, developing Louisiana's offshore wind industry presents a potential new
9 source of state and local revenue as well as workforce and economic development
10 opportunities.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Public Service
13 Commission to investigate the benefits, feasibility, costs, and pathways to achieving
14 demonstrable offshore wind energy development by 2026.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 executive secretary of the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Request the La. Public Service Commission to investigate costs in addition to the factors provided for in proposed law.
2. Change the stated goal from achieving 5-gigawatts of offshore wind energy development to achieving a demonstrable offshore wind energy pilot project.
3. Change the projected date of completion from 2035 to 2026.
4. Make technical changes.