

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Creates a joint subcommittee to study port infrastructure strategies

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for a joint subcommittee to be comprised of members from the House
3 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the House Committee
4 on Commerce, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public
5 Works, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
6 International Affairs to examine and study port infrastructure strategies.

7 WHEREAS, ports impact every region of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana has thirty-three ports and harbors located in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana contains three of the most important waterways in the world:
10 the Mississippi River, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and the Calcasieu Ship Channel; and

11 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is the backbone of the nation's water commerce;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the five ports on the lower Mississippi collectively make up the largest
14 port complex in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, more than five million tons of cargo is handled by ports on the lower
16 Mississippi River annually; and

17 WHEREAS, more than sixty percent of the nation's grain and twenty percent of
18 petroleum and energy commodities are handled by Louisiana ports each year; and

19 WHEREAS, coastal ports support more than ninety percent of the nation's offshore
20 oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico; and

1 WHEREAS, inland ports are the economic engines of their local economies and
2 produce thousands of jobs in their communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana ports create five hundred twenty-five thousand jobs or one-in-
4 five jobs in the state; and

5 WHERE, Louisiana ports are responsible for thirty-two billion nine hundred million
6 in annual personal earnings, more than two billion four hundred million in state taxes and
7 one billion, eight hundred million local taxes; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and
9 Louisiana Economic Development determined for every one dollar invested in port
10 infrastructure eight dollars is returned to Louisiana coffers; and

11 WHEREAS, a purposeful and strategic approach to ports investments would benefit
12 Louisiana's economic future and the future of Louisiana families.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 create a joint subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and
15 Public Works, the House Committee on Commerce, the Senate Committee on
16 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Commerce,
17 Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to examine and study strategies to implement
18 in order to capitalize on Louisiana's competitive advantage in port infrastructure.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee shall be comprised of
20 the following members:

21 (1) Two representatives from the House Committee on Transportation,
22 Highways and Public Works appointed by the speaker of the House of
23 Representatives.

24 (2) Two representatives from the House Committee on Commerce appointed by
25 the speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 (3) Two senators from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
27 Public Works appointed by the president of the Senate.

28 (4) Two senators from the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
29 Protection, and International Affairs appointed by the president of the Senate.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee shall submit a written
2 report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the
3 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Creates a subcommittee to be comprised of eight total members with two members each appointed from the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the House Committee on Commerce, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to examine and study port infrastructure strategies. Requires the subcommittee submit its findings via a report prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.