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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to the creation of a legislative disaster assistance and relief fund

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to study the feasibility of
3	creating a disaster and assistance relief fund administered by the legislature.
4	WHEREAS, nearly one hundred hurricanes have made landfall in the state of
5	Louisiana since 1537; and
6	WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ranked
7	Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ida as two of the top five costliest tropical cyclones to have
8	struck the United States; and
9	WHEREAS, approximately one hundred eighty billion dollars of damages were
10	caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, approximately twenty-five billion three hundred
11	million dollars of damages were caused by Hurricane Laura in 2020, and approximately
12	seventy-six billion five hundred million dollars of damages were caused by Hurricane Ida
13	in 2021, with the most significant damage from each storm occurring in Louisiana; and
14	WHEREAS, a systematic means of natural disaster assistance for state and local
15	governments exists within the federal government through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
16	Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 24:38 provides for the creation, membership, and duties of the
18	Legislative Budgetary Control Council; and
19	WHEREAS, some of the Council's duties include but are not limited to the review
20	and approval of budgetary requests, establishment of procedures for withdrawal of funds for
21	expenditures, and authorization for the transfer of funds.

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1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

- 2 urge and request the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to study the feasibility of
- 3 creating a disaster and assistance relief fund administered by the legislature.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 5 co-chairmen of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

DIGEST

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