

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Electric Vehicle Task Force to study the economic impact of electric vehicles and to recommend any action or legislation that the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

WHEREAS, the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 provides additional funding for states to expand electric vehicle (EV) chargers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles are gaining popularity among drivers in the state; and

WHEREAS, since electric vehicles do not require the use of gasoline, their use will necessitate the availability of charging stations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent to assess the fiscal viability, needs, and effects electric vehicles will have on highways and infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Electric Vehicles to study the economic impact of electric vehicles and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of current law, policy, and efforts in Louisiana and other states to enhance the fiscal benefits of electric vehicles on highways and roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following:

(1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

(2) The President of the Senate, or his designee.

(3) The chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(4) The chair of the Senate Committee on Finance or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(5) The chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(6) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

(7) The chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(8) The chair of the House Committee on Commerce or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(9) The chair of the House Committee on Appropriations or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(10) The chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(11) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.

(12) The president of the Louisiana Automobile Dealers Association, or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that names of designees to the task force shall be submitted to staff of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by August 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than September 1, 2022, at the call of chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highway and Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct such meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the legislature on or before February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the submission of its report or April 10, 2023, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chair of Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES