

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to study the feasibility of creating a disaster and assistance relief fund administered by the legislature.

WHEREAS, nearly one hundred hurricanes have made landfall in the state of Louisiana since 1537; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ranked Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ida as two of the top five costliest tropical cyclones to have struck the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately one hundred eighty billion dollars of damages were caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, approximately twenty-five billion three hundred million dollars of damages were caused by Hurricane Laura in 2020, and approximately seventy-six billion five hundred million dollars of damages were caused by Hurricane Ida in 2021, with the most significant damage from each storm occurring in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a systematic means of natural disaster assistance for state and local governments exists within the federal government through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 24:38 provides for the creation, membership, and duties of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council; and

WHEREAS, some of the Council's duties include but are not limited to the review and approval of budgetary requests, establishment of procedures for withdrawal of funds for expenditures, and authorization for the transfer of funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to study the feasibility of creating a disaster and assistance relief fund administered by the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the co-chairmen of the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE