

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVES JORDAN AND WILLARD AND SENATOR DUPLESSIS

INSURANCE/PROPERTY: Requests the Department of Insurance to report certain information regarding the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Insurance to annually report the number
3 of minority agents that receive grant funds and contracts from the Insure Louisiana
4 Incentive Program.

5 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program was enacted through the
6 passage of Act No. 754 during the 2022 Regular Session as a means to foster cooperative
7 economic development and stability within the state of Louisiana by encouraging a surplus
8 of property insurers to partake in the voluntary property insurance market; and

9 WHEREAS, the intention and expectation of the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program
10 was to upsurge the obtainability of property insurance, increase competitive pressure on
11 insurance rates, and condense the volume of insurance policies written by the Louisiana
12 Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program offers matching grants to
14 incentivize new and existing insurance companies to write residential and commercial
15 policies in coastal areas, including writing policies out of the Louisiana Citizens Property
16 Insurance Corporation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program shall apply to all authorized
18 insurers as defined in R.S. 22:46(3) operating and writing insurance for residential and
19 commercial properties in the state of Louisiana, and to any approved unauthorized insurer
20 as defined in R.S. 22:46(2) operating and writing insurance for residential and commercial
21 properties in the state, an eligible unauthorized insurer as defined in R.S. 22:46(10) operating

1 and writing insurance for residential and commercial properties in the state, or a domestic
2 surplus lines insurer as provided in R.S. 22:436.1 operating and writing insurance for
3 residential and commercial properties in the state or collectively known as surplus lines
4 insurer as defined in R.S. 22:46(27); and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance has approved the following eight
6 companies to receive grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program: Allied Trust
7 Insurance Company, Cajun Underwriters Reciprocal Exchange, Constitution Insurance
8 Company, Elevate Reciprocal Exchange, Gulf State Insurance Company, Safepoint
9 Insurance Company, and SureChoice Underwriter's Reciprocal Exchange; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Legislature of Louisiana to ensure diversity,
11 equity, and inclusion are present within the insurance industry in the state of Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance should work to increase access for
13 minority agents within the state of Louisiana and annually reporting the extent of contracts
14 and grant funds being disbursed to minority agents from the Insure Louisiana Incentive
15 Program could be beneficial; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana earmarked forty-five million dollars in
17 funds to support the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program and as of April 12, 2023, the
18 Department of Insurance has not used more than three million dollars of the forty-five
19 million dollars; and

20 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance's division of diversity and opportunity
21 should partner with the National African American Insurance Association, to foster new
22 developments, strategies, and policies that would insure that the Insure Louisiana Incentive
23 Program is progressively benefitting minority agents; and

24 WHEREAS, the Department of Insurance's division of diversity and opportunity, the
25 National African American Insurance Association, and the Legislature of Louisiana should
26 work together to insure that minority agents are provided a nondiscriminatory opportunity
27 to obtain contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Legislature of Louisiana to ensure that minority
29 insurance agents have a fair opportunity to participate in the program.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Insurance to monitor and annually report the
3 number of contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program awarded
4 to minority agents.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Insurance shall
6 annually submit a written report to the Legislature of Louisiana that indicates the percentage,
7 amount, and number of contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive
8 Program awarded to minority insurance agents.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first report shall be submitted on or before
10 September 1, 2023.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 commissioner of insurance.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HCR 123 Original

2023 Regular Session

Jordan

Urges and requests the Department of Insurance to annually report the percentage and amount of minority agents that receive contracts and grant funds from the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program.