

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY SENATOR CLOUD

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. Establishes the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and Sequestration to study the benefits and revenue streams of carbon capture and sequestration projects.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture and  
3 Sequestration.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana is a national leader on the cutting edge of industrial  
5 innovation in the oil and gas, petrochemical, and energy production industries; and

6 WHEREAS, there is renewed worldwide interest in carbon capture and sequestration  
7 (CCS) projects as a means to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana is blessed with a world-class volume of available pore space  
9 for storage and is home to established pipeline, industry, transportation, and other key  
10 infrastructure, all in a compact geographical area, ideally positioning the state for  
11 development of the CCS sector into the future; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to helping improve the state's environment, CCS projects  
13 hold massive potential for economic growth, including job creation, increased energy  
14 production, and generation of business and tax revenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Louisiana has submitted an Underground Injection Control program  
16 revision package to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeking approval of  
17 revisions to the state's Safe Drinking Water Act program to include Class VI injection well  
18 primary enforcement responsibility; and

1           WHEREAS, primary enforcement responsibility, or primacy, for injection wells will  
2 allow the state to permit and oversee CCS projects with improved efficiency, giving  
3 Louisiana the edge in becoming a hub of sustainable growth and development of CCS  
4 industry innovation; and

5           WHEREAS, with the rapid rise in research, development, and capitalization of CCS  
6 projects, it is vital that all stakeholders have a seat at the table to ensure that the rights and  
7 interests of all Louisianians are protected.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
9 does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Local Impacts of Carbon Capture  
10 and Sequestration to study and propose recommendations regarding the impact of carbon  
11 capture and sequestration projects across the state.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the  
13 following members:

14           (1) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.

15           (2) Two members appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural  
16 Resources.

17           (3) One member appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance.

18           (4) One member appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and  
19 Fiscal Affairs.

20           (5) The attorney general, or his designee.

21           (6) The director of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute, or his designee.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member appointed by the president of the  
23 Senate shall call the first meeting, which shall occur no later than August 15, 2023, and shall  
24 preside as chair until the task force elects a chair.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall elect a chairman and other  
26 officers as the members may deem appropriate and shall follow applicable rules for  
27 committee procedure found in the Louisiana Senate Rules of Order.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force membership shall  
29 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and any official action by the task force  
30 shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as often as necessary,  
2 and in conducting its study, shall seek input and advice from all interested parties, which  
3 shall include the following:

- 4 (1) State and local government entities.
- 5 (2) Landowners.
- 6 (3) Citizens.
- 7 (4) Academic and research institutions.
- 8 (5) Industry.
- 9 (6) Utilities.

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

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a final report on or  
14 before February 15, 2024, to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and upon  
15 submission of the final report, shall cease to exist.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 attorney general and the director of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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DIGEST

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- (1) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (2) Two members appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- (3) One member appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance.
- (4) One member appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.
- (5) The attorney general, or his designee.

(6) The director of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute, or his designee.

Requires the task force to submit a final report on or before February 15, 2024.