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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR CARTER

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Creates a task force to study the costs of expenses and the utilization of the New Orleans ferries, connecting Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To create a task force to study the expenses and the utilization of the New Orleans ferries
3	that connect Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes.
4	WHEREAS, the New Orleans ferries have traveled across the Mississippi River to
5	Algiers Point since 1827; and
6	WHEREAS, the Canal Street and Algiers Point ferries are still currently connecting
7	the east and west bank of New Orleans; and
8	WHEREAS, the New Orleans and Gretna ferries provides access to and from St.
9	Bernard Parish, Gretna, and from the East Bank to the West Bank of New Orleans; and
10	WHEREAS, the ferry is an alternative form of transportation for the purpose of
11	commuting to work and for those who do not have fast access to the interstate system from
12	New Orleans or Plaquemines Parish; and
13	WHEREAS, the ferries are a conduit for tourist attractions, commuters, pedestrians
14	and bicyclists; and
15	WHEREAS, the flurry of activity around the ferries enhance the adjacent businesses
16	and the local economy; and
17	WHEREAS, the Senate desires a study of the cost of operating the ferries as well as
18	the usage of the ferries by commuters and pedestrians.

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1	THER	EFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana		
2	does hereby create a task force to study the cost of expenses and the utilization of the New			
3	Orleans ferries that connect Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes.			
4	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the		
5	following members:			
6	(1)	The state senator for Senate District 7 or his designee, who shall serve as		
7		chairman of the task force.		
8	(2)	A member appointed by the senator for Senate District 7.		
9	(3)	The congressman for the Louisiana Second Congressional District or his		
10		designee.		
11	(4)	The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his		
12		designee.		
13	(5)	The chief executive officer of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority		
14		or his designee.		
15	(6)	The member who represents District C of the New Orleans City Council or		
16		his designee.		
17	(7)	The president of St. Bernard Parish or his designee.		
18	(8)	The mayor of Gretna or his designee.		
19	(9)	The executive director of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation or		
20		his designee.		
21	(10)	The president of the Algiers Development District or his designee.		
22	(11)	The president of the Algiers Point Neighborhood Association or his designee.		
23	(12)	The president of the New Orleans Neighborhoods Association or his		
24		designee.		
25	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve		
26	without compensation except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be			
27	individually certified as members of the constituent organizations.			
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall			
29	constitute a quorum of the task force and that any official action shall require an affirmative			
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30 vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of the members chosen, designated,
2	or elected as provided herein shall be submitted to the chairman of the task force by August
3	1, 2024.
4	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall hold its organizational
5	meeting not later than September 1, 2024, on the call of the chair. At the organizational
6	meeting, the task force shall elect any other officers as it finds necessary and shall adopt
7	rules for its own procedure. The task force shall be staffed by the Algiers Development
8	District.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit an initial
10	written report of its findings to the legislature no later than March 1, 2025 and shall
11	terminate on March 10, 2026.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

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