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1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service

3 Commission to study the legality and feasibility of utilizing nuclear energy in the

4 state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the need to develop diverse and reliable energy

6 sources; and

7 WHEREAS, nuclear energy has improved in both efficiency and technology within

8 recent years, thereby making it safer and more efficient; and

9 WHEREAS, states throughout the country are developing nuclear energy programs

10 to improve their grid reliability; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory

12 Commission are working to streamline the regulatory process for new reactor technologies;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, the demand for reliable, affordable energy continues to increase

15 significantly each year; and

16 WHEREAS, nuclear energy is the world's second largest source of low emissions

17 electricity after hydropower; and

18 WHEREAS, research and development efforts are focused on improving nuclear

19 waste management, including solutions for safely storing and disposing of spent fuel and

20 developing methods for recycling or transforming radioactive materials; and

1 WHEREAS, nuclear energy is a well established and underutilized technology that
2 is making a comeback with increased investment, technological advances, and supportive
3 policies throughout the country and the world.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 urge and request the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service
6 Commission to research the legality and feasibility of using nuclear energy generation within
7 the state.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Energy and Natural
9 Resources and the Public Service Commission should consider the advantages and
10 disadvantages of nuclear energy generation in this state including the economic and
11 environmental impacts, the impacts on the workforce for constructing and staffing nuclear
12 energy generation facilities, and evaluations and recommendations on the following:

- 13 (1) Site characteristics and industrial uses.
- 14 (2) Environmental and ecological impacts.
- 15 (3) Safety criteria.
- 16 (4) Local and state tax impacts.
- 17 (5) Job creation.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 secretary of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources and to the chairman of the
20 Public Service Commission.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources and the Public Service Comm. to study the use of nuclear energy in the state of La.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Clarify that nuclear energy has improved in both efficiency and technology within recent years.