

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 274 (Substitute for House Resolution No. 216 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to conduct a hearing to review the Louisiana Climate Action Plan of 2022, including the resulting Priority Climate Action Plan, created by the Climate Initiatives Task Force.

WHEREAS, in August of 2020 Governor John Bel Edwards issued an executive order to create a Climate Initiatives Task Force whom he charged with developing a statewide comprehensive climate action plan as a framework for future policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Climate Action Plan, submitted in February of 2022 by the Climate Initiatives Task Force pursuant to Executive Order JBE 2020-18, promoted a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goal by 2050, which aligned with international agendas like the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, committees of neither chamber of the Legislature of Louisiana conducted a formal review or oversight hearing on the plan or its implications; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 and 2025 new administrations were sworn in both the state of Louisiana and the United States federal government that shifted policy initiatives toward the principles of limited government, free markets, individual liberty, energy dominance, and American sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, it is now in the best interest of the citizens of Louisiana to conduct a thorough, independent review of the Climate Initiatives Task Force and the 2022 Louisiana Climate Action Plan to determine their ongoing need, applicability, or non-applicability; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the review shall be to assess current environmental, ecological, and natural resource priorities in Louisiana in the context of long-term energy dominance and economic strength and to ensure their congruence with national objectives

such as withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords and any other treaties or agreements that are antithetical to American values and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, good stewardship of Louisiana's natural resources, including our air, land and soil, and subsurface resources should be a primary focus during the review; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate objective of the review shall be to determine how much of the 2022 Climate Action Plan should be publicly repudiated and which provisions, if any, should be retained or adapted; and

WHEREAS, the review shall also include an investigation and determination of whether any foreign or malign influences or actors from adversary nations were involved in the creation of the 2022 Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's economy is deeply rooted in the energy, petrochemical, manufacturing, agriculture, and transportation sectors, which provide substantial employment, tax revenue, and economic stability to the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, embracing America-first and Louisiana-first policies focused on unleashing domestic oil and gas production, protecting private property rights, reducing dependence on the federal government, and promoting free-market innovation will better serve the state's economy, workers, and citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to conduct a hearing to review the Louisiana Climate Action Plan of 2022, including the resulting Priority Climate Action Plan, developed by the Climate Initiatives Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment may request input from the Department of Conservation and Energy, the Department of Environmental Quality, and all other relevant state agencies and stakeholders to provide all necessary information and assistance for the comprehensive review.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES