

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN AND OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a study committee to evaluate the issue of oversized vehicle permits issued by political subdivisions and its related economic impacts, including all taxes and fees paid for local highways, and to consider the local permitting practices of neighboring states.

WHEREAS, the movement of oversized vehicles is critical to Louisiana's economy, including the transportation of timber and chemicals; and

WHEREAS, political subdivisions across the state have adopted varying permit requirements for oversized vehicles, resulting in a patchwork of regulations; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders, including representatives of the trucking, logging, and chemical sectors, have expressed concerns regarding the impacts of local permit requirements; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to evaluate the current permitting processes utilized by political subdivisions across the state and to assess the economic impact of such processes on industry and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a review of permitting practices in neighboring states may provide guidance on best practices and potential policy improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish a study committee to examine the issue of oversized vehicle permits and related impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be composed of the following members, appointed by September 1, 2026:

(1) The president of the board of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association or his designee.

(2) The president of the board of the Louisiana Loggers Association or his designee.

(3) The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Chemical Association or his designee.

(4) The president of the board of the Louisiana Police Jury Association or his designee.

(5) The president of the board of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.

(6) A representative from the office of operations in the Department of Transportation and Development.

(7) The executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall meet on a monthly basis or bi-monthly basis during the moratorium period, with staffing support provided by the Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall evaluate the current permitting processes of local governments, the economic impacts of permits on oversized vehicles, all taxes and fees paid for local highways, and the local permitting practices of neighboring states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall submit a comprehensive written report detailing its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislative or regulatory changes, to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate by February 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the board of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, the president of the board of the Louisiana Loggers Association, the president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Chemical Association, the president of the board of the Louisiana Police Jury Association, the president of the board of the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE