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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Urges and requests the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study bag limits of deer

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the deer bag 3 limits established in its hunting rules and regulations. 4 WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana states "The 5 natural resources of the state, including air and water, and the healthful, scenic, historic, and 6 esthetic quality of the environment shall be protected, conserved, and replenished insofar as 7 possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people." and Article IX, 8 Section 7 provides "The control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all 9 aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission."; and 10 WHEREAS, a part of controlling and supervising the wildlife of the state in a manner 11 to protect, preserve, and replenish is to study the impacts of hunting, including the impacts 12 of certain bags limits on deer; and 13 WHEREAS, setting those bag limits should be done only after careful study of the 14 sustainability of the deer hunted in this state, the health of the herds present in the state, the 15 quality of the habitat necessary to sustain the herds, the practices of other states in setting 16 bag limits, and the experience other states have had with the impacts of their bag limits. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 18 urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the deer bag 19 limits established in its hunting rules and regulations. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the chair of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. 21

DIGEST

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