

1 and those determined to be ineligible; and

2 WHEREAS, it is further recommended that the office of community development
3 obtain and review supporting construction documentation to ensure all transactions charged
4 by contractors are justified and performed prior to approving applicant reimbursement; and

5 WHEREAS, additionally, the legislative auditor recommends that the office of
6 community development review payments already made to applicants to obtain additional
7 supporting documentation where necessary to verify funds were used in compliance with the
8 grant; and

9 WHEREAS, if it is found that funds were inappropriately used, the office of
10 community development should pursue recoupment of funds from the recipient; and

11 WHEREAS, HUD's office of inspector general recommends that the office of
12 community development enforce program remedies and recovery procedures for
13 noncompliance as stated in the grant agreement, including but not limited to the recovery of
14 \$437.3 million in elevation grant funds that were allocated to fifteen thousand twenty-seven
15 homeowners who did not elevate their homes within three years in accordance with the terms
16 of the grant funds; and

17 WHEREAS, HUD's office of inspector general also recommends that the office of
18 community development verify that the homeowners, who received grant funds but did not
19 respond to the monitoring survey, in fact used the funds to elevate their homes; and

20 WHEREAS, if it is found that funds were not used for home elevation, the office of
21 community development should pursue recoupment of funds from the recipient; and

22 WHEREAS, HUD's office of inspector general further recommends that the office
23 of community development reimburse the uncollectible elevation grant funds from
24 nonfederal funds.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby direct the office of community development to comply with the
27 recommendations of the legislative auditor and HUD's office of inspector general.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 appropriate person in the division of administration's office of community development, the
30 legislative auditor's office, and HUD's office of inspector general.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

DIGEST

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Directs the office of community development to follow certain recommendations of the legislative auditor and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, office of inspector general.