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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 166

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TRANSPORTATION: Creates a task force to study transportation funding mechanisms

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To establish a task force to study and make recommendations relative to transportation
3	funding mechanisms to be used in the state and to require such task force to make
4	recommendations for guidelines for utilization of the transportation funding
5	mechanisms.
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana's infrastructure is poorly maintained, inadequately funded,
7	and not designed to meet tomorrow's demands; and Louisiana lacks a long-term funding plan
8	that adequately addresses current and future needs; and
9	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the fourth largest bridge surface area in the United States
10	with more than fifteen million square feet of bridge deck, yet it ranks in the bottom third of
11	federal funding for bridge maintenance, repair, and replacement; and
12	WHEREAS, with the Highway Trust Fund headed for insolvency due to declining
13	vehicle miles traveled and more fuel-efficient vehicles, states are increasingly developing
14	their own plans for raising additional transportation revenue; and
15	WHEREAS, demand for transportation alternatives is growing and future dedicated
16	federal funding is uncertain, and states need to continue to seek new partnerships and
17	innovative funding and financing mechanisms to develop and maintain their transportation
18	infrastructure.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Transportation Funding Task Force to
21	study all potential funding mechanisms, to determine the benefits and costs of each funding

1 mechanism, to compile a listing of the benefits and detriments when each funding

- 2 mechanism is utilized, to determine guidelines or criteria for utilization of these funding
- 3 mechanisms by the state and its political subdivisions, to determine an approval procedure
- 4 applicable to the use of the funding mechanisms, and to report all such matters to the House
- 5 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on
- 6 Transportation, Highways and Public Works, including recommendations for legislation
- 7 relative to the future use of the transportation funding mechanisms.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Funding Task Force shall
- 9 comprise the following members:
- 10 (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- 11 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- 12 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
- Works or his designee.
- 14 (4) The chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
- Works or his designee.
- 16 (5) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
- 17 designee.
- 18 (6) A representative of Louisiana Good Roads & Transportation Association.
- 19 (7) A representative of Louisiana Associated General Contractors.
- 20 (8) A representative to be appointed jointly by the American Society of Civil
- 21 Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force shall serve
- 23 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
- 24 individually entitled as members of the organizations they represent.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the House of Representatives or
- his designee shall act as chairman of the task force and the president of the Senate or his
- designee shall act as vice chairman.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
- 29 constitute a quorum of the task force and any official action by the task force shall require
- an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of the members chosen or designated

- 2 as provided shall be submitted to the chairman of the task force not later than August 1,
- 3 2014, and that the chairman shall thereafter call the first meeting of the task force not later
- 4 than September 15, 2014.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and shall
- 6 submit its report of findings and recommendations to the chairman of the House Committee
- 7 on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the chairman of the Senate Committee
- 8 on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, not later than January 15, 2015.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate not later than
- 10 March 31, 2015.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted
- 12 to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, to the Louisiana
- 13 Good Roads & Transportation Association, the Louisiana Associated General Contractors,
- 14 the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Council of Engineering
- 15 Companies.

## DIGEST

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Establishes the Transportation Funding Task Force to study all issues and disputes related to potential transportation funding mechanisms to be used by the state and political subdivisions, to address such issues, to resolve disputes, to develop an approach to determine the best use of transportation funding mechanisms, to determine when and how these funding mechanisms should be used, to determine an approval procedure for the use of transportation funding mechanisms, and to report all such matters to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works not later than Jan. 15, 2015, and to terminate not later than March 31, 2015.

The task force is comprised of:

- (1) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (2) The speaker of the House or his designee.
- (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works or his designee.
- (4) The chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works or his designee.

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- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development.
- (6) A representative of La. Good Roads & Transportation Association.
- (7) A representative of La. Associated General Contractors.
- (8) A representative to be appointed jointly by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Council of Engineering Companies.

Specifies that the members of the task force serve without compensation, except for reimbursement or per diem they are individually entitled to as members of the organization they represent. Names the speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee as the chairman and the president of the Senate or his designee as the vice chairman. Provides that the names of the members shall be submitted to the chairman of the task force by Aug. 1, 2014, and that the chairman shall call the first meeting of the task force no later than Sept. 15, 2014.