

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOVE AND WHITNEY AND SENATOR GARY SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides that the board shall develop, coordinate, make reports on, and provide oversight for the comprehensive coastal protection annual plan; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as the implementation and enforcement arm of the board and through its offices and officers shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the annual state integrated coastal protection plan; and

WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan represents the state policy for protecting, conserving, and restoring Louisiana's coastal area through the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs, including coastal protection and restoration projects and hurricane protection projects, which are projects that may require, without limitation, funding for associated measures such as the beneficial use of dredged material, rehabilitation and repair of state restoration projects, environmental and regulatory compliance, acquisition of land easements, rights-of-way, relocations and disposal areas (LERRDS), maintenance programs, conservation and restoration partnerships, reserve fund contingencies, and other innovative programs,

provided that such funding for associated measures shall be allocated to the projects based on priority status as identified by the annual state integrated coastal protection plan in order to more effectively respond to the ever-changing coastal crisis; and

WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan adopted by the authority must be submitted to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, on or before the fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year; and

WHEREAS, these committees must provide guidance for and approval of the annual state integrated coastal protection plan; and

WHEREAS, the annual state integrated coastal protection plan shall become effective and shall be implemented upon approval of the annual plan by a majority of both houses of the legislature, or if a majority of both houses of the legislature fails to disapprove the annual state integrated coastal protection plan by July 1, 2015, it shall become immediately effective and implemented.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE