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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

PILOTS: Creates a joint subcommittee to review and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state pilot program on the Mississippi River

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and
3	Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs,
4	or a subcommittee thereof, to meet and function as a joint subcommittee to study,
5	review, monitor, and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state pilot
6	program on the Mississippi River and to report the findings of the joint
7	subcommittee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session
8	of the Legislature of Louisiana.
9	WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is at the nexus of various national and
10	international transportation systems, including marine transportation systems, and serves as
11	the intermodal gateway to the nation's interior; and
12	WHEREAS, the technical, policy, operational, and educational demands of ocean,
13	river, canal, and channel transportation and the integration of these systems is critical to our
14	nation's commerce.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	authorize and direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and
17	Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, or a
18	subcommittee thereof, to meet and function as a joint subcommittee.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana directs the joint
20	subcommittee to study, review, monitor, and make recommendations relative to all aspects
21	of the state pilot program on the Mississippi River and to report the findings of the joint

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- subcommittee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the
 Legislature of Louisiana.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
 joint subcommittee be constituted in accordance with all of the following:
- 5 (1) Seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of 6 the House of Representatives in a manner to reflect the makeup of the 7 membership of the House of Representatives, including party affiliation, 8 race, sex, and geography, to the extent practicable. Five of the members 9 appointed by the speaker shall be members of the House Committee on 10 Commerce, and two members appointed by the speaker shall be at-large 11 appointments.
- 12 (2) Seven members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate in a 13 manner to reflect the makeup of the membership of the Senate, including 14 party affiliation, race, sex, and geography, to the extent practicable. Four of 15 the members appointed by the president shall be members of the Senate 16 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, 17 and three of the members appointed by the president shall be at-large 18 appointments.
- 19 (3) The joint subcommittee shall select a chair and a vice chair from among its
 20 members.
- (4) The staff of the House Committee on Commerce, the Senate Committee on
 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, the legislative
 fiscal office, and the legislative auditor shall provide staff support to the joint
 subcommittee.
- (5) The joint subcommittee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency,
 or official of the state, or its successor, for data and assistance, and all
 departments, agencies, and officials shall cooperate with the joint
 subcommittee.
- 29 (6) The joint subcommittee shall have the power and authority of a standing30 committee of either chamber.

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1	(7)	For the purposes of this Resolution, the term "state pilot program" shall mean	
2		and include all programs, provisions, activities, and functions pertaining to	
3		pilots and pilotage on the Mississippi River as provided in or pursuant to	
4		Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.	
5	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the	
6	joint subcomr	nittee to do all of the following:	
7	(1)	Review how the state pilot program on the Mississippi River relates to the	
8		public and private provision of pilotage in this state and the other states.	
9	(2)	Recommend policies and strategies to encourage all of the following on the	
10		Mississippi River:	
11	(a)	Workforce diversity, equity, inclusion, development, compliance, and	
12		education.	
13	(b)	Safe pilotage.	
14	(c)	Fair rates and dealings.	
15	(3)	Review federal, state, and local laws as it relates to associations, oversight,	
16		duty, responsibilities, and business relative to the state pilot program on the	
17		Mississippi River.	
18	(4)	Recommend, to the extent the joint subcommittee deems appropriate,	
19		improvements in laws, rules, and regulations concerning the state pilot	
20		program on the Mississippi River.	
21	(5)	Develop a plan of action for the future of the state pilot program on the	
22		Mississippi River.	
23	(6)	Review equity, diversity, and inclusion of state pilot programs on the	
24		Mississippi River.	
25	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the House of Representatives of	
26	and the presid	ent of the Senate shall appoint the members of the joint subcommittee no later	
27	than thirty days after adoption of this Concurrent Resolution.		
28	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of the joint subcommittee designated	
29	by the speake	er of the House of Representatives shall call the first meeting of the joint	

- 1 subcommittee no later than ten days after all of the members are appointed and shall preside
- 2 until the joint subcommittee selects a chair and a vice chair.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee shall report its findings
- 4 and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana including any proposed legislation
- 5 prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session but no later than February 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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Establishes a joint subcommittee of the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to review and make recommendations relative to all aspects of the state pilot program on the Mississippi River and to report its findings to the legislature no later than February 1, 2022.