

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 265

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the commissioner of administration to report to the legislature prior to March 1, 2011, regarding the progress of the implementation of Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8, as well as any cost savings to the state of Louisiana as a result of the implementation of the executive order.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal issued Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 indicated that efficiency should apply to all areas of state government and that the state government of Louisiana should be a leader in energy efficiency and conservation and demonstrate the benefits of adopting such practices; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 provided that energy efficiency and conservation are essential components of responsible fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 further provided that the promotion and use of non-conventional and renewable energy sources will promote energy efficiency and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 further provided that efficient and effective waste management conserve tax dollars and natural resources, and reduction of waste and recycling of what would otherwise be waste are proven waste management strategies; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 indicated that several steps toward a "greener" state government had already been taken, such as agency-initiated office recycling programs, use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, and design and construction of state office buildings to ensure energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to set energy efficiency goals for state facilities, office buildings, or complexes for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011, by July 30, 2008, and further directed the division of administration and state agencies to use all existing statutory authority in implementing measures to achieve these energy goals; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to establish programs for energy analysis of state-owned buildings and identify opportunities for reduced energy use; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed any state agency responsible for state-owned facilities to examine the feasibility of a performance contract for energy and operational cost savings pursuant to R.S. 39:1496; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration to provide centralized reporting and coordination of comprehensive capital energy improvements; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed each department of the executive branch of state government to adopt a program to reduce solid waste including but not limited to adopting paperless office programs and adopting a recycling program with emphasis on single stream recycling so as to increase compliance; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration to consult with state agencies in establishing waste reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration to review its purchasing practices to ensure one hundred percent compliance with existing state requirements related to energy conservation, to adopt best energy purchasing practices, and to develop or increase standards for such products as appliances, light bulbs, smart chargers, and computers using Energy Star as a minimum standard; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to develop average fuel economy goals for the state automobile fleet and take necessary measures to assure that those goals are met by 2010, including expanding the number of hybrid and other fuel efficient vehicles as well as alternative fuel vehicles on the list of vehicles on state contract; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed each state agency to assign a lead person to work with the division of administration in the development of the sustainability and energy efficiency goals, the budget and management review, the purchasing of alternative and renewable energy, and the implementation of the sustainable building guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 directed the commissioner of administration, in cooperation with the Department of Environment Quality and the Department of Natural Resources, to create an information campaign to disseminate to other departments best methods and practices regarding energy efficiency and conservation and the benefits of adopting such practices, and to update this campaign annually to include the latest innovations and best practices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Governor Bobby Jindal for issuing Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8 and urge and request the commissioner of administration to report to the legislature prior to March 1, 2011, regarding the progress of the implementation of this executive order, as well as any cost savings to the state that have resulted from the implementation of the order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Bobby Jindal and the commissioner of administration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE