

1 necessary to provide for the basic operational expenses of the state, which includes funding
2 of the minimum foundation program and other assistance to local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, tax exemptions, credits, rebates, and deductions currently granted by
4 the state annually amount to over \$6.5 billion in tax expenditures; and

5 WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Tax
6 Exemption Budget reports that tax exemptions, deductions, credits, rebates, and other tax
7 benefits for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 amounted to \$6.7 billion, in relation to actual collections
8 which were \$6.8 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, there are over 340 different exemptions, deductions, rebates, and
10 credits, some of them dating back as early as the 1940s, meaning there are policies
11 established decades ago which afford preferential treatment for certain taxpayers today in
12 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, a contemporary evaluation of the purposes and goals of various state
14 tax exemptions, credits, and deductions would be prudent given the challenges that the
15 governor and legislature face in balancing the state's revenue base with provision of services
16 the citizens of Louisiana demand.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 require the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue
19 and Fiscal Affairs to meet and review the scale of tax expenditures and the goals and
20 purposes of various state tax exemptions, credits, rebates, and deductions.

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