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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 6

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ENERGY/CONSERVATION: Requests a study of compensation for owners of stranded minerals

A STUDY REQUEST

2	To the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to study compensation for
3	owners of minerals left stranded as a result of eminent domain, unitization, or any
4	other economic proceeding and to report its findings to the House of Representatives
5	prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session.
6	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of fair and just
7	compensation for private property owners affected by eminent domain, unitization, or any
8	other economic actions, particularly in cases involving mineral rights; and
9	WHEREAS, the equitable determination of compensation for mineral ownership is
10	crucial to protect private property rights, promote responsible resource development, and
11	foster economic prosperity; and
12	WHEREAS, stranded mineral reserves, additional drilling and operating costs
13	incurred, and the ramifications of carbon capture activities are all important issues that need
14	to be studied, in particular how these issues affect mineral owners; and
15	WHEREAS, there is a need for a thorough examination of the current practices and
16	policies governing compensation for mineral ownership in eminent domain proceedings in
17	Louisiana; and
18	WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of eminent domain and compensation for
19	mineral ownership will provide valuable insights into the challenges faced by private
20	property owners, industry stakeholders, and local communities, and facilitate the
21	development of informed and equitable solutions; and

1 WHEREAS, such a study will benefit from the expertise of legal scholars, 2 economists, industry representatives, landowners, and other relevant stakeholders, as well 3 as input from affected communities and advocacy groups; and 4 WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations resulting from this study can serve 5 as a foundation for legislative and regulatory reforms aimed at ensuring fair compensation 6 practices and protecting private property rights in eminent domain, unitization, or any other 7 economic proceeding involving mineral ownership. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 9 Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Natural Resources and 10 Environment to study compensation for owners of minerals left stranded as a result of 11 eminent domain, unitization, or any other economic proceeding and to report its findings to 12 the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

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