

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Requests the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to study the re-creation of the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program and to present their findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2011 Regular Session.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the re-creation of the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program, and to present their findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2011 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program was created during the administration of Louisiana Governor Charles "Buddy" Roemer; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program linked industrial tax exemptions and other economic development incentives to a company's performance and adherence to environmental laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program further took into consideration the number of jobs created for Louisiana citizens by companies receiving industrial tax exemptions and other economic development incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana departments of economic development and environmental quality created a scoring system into an existing ten-year Industrial Property Tax Exemption whereby they rated companies environmental behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Environmental Scorecard program has been described by

1 some as one of the most progressive economic development tools ever adopted by a state;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, data suggests that this program had a significant incentive effect,
4 economic opportunities, as well as helped to promote environmental health; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fair and appropriate, especially in these times of economic and
6 environmental distress, to consider whether industrial tax exemptions and other economic
7 development incentives should be extended to companies who promote environmental
8 safety.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
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11 Means Committee to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make
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13 program, and to present their findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2011 Regular
14 Session.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Danielle Doiron.

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