

1 state government forty million dollars per year; and

2 WHEREAS, this forty-million-dollar-per-year price tag is in addition to other direct
3 costs incurred for enforcing litter laws and developing programs and advertisements
4 encouraging and educating citizens on the dangers of litter and the indirect economic
5 impacts including real estate devaluation, loss of new industry and business, and loss of
6 tourism and ecotourism; and

7 WHEREAS, a strategy to consider is the implementation of a bottle deposit and
8 redemption program by statute, similar to those in Vermont, Oregon, New York, Michigan,
9 Massachusetts, Maine, Iowa, Hawaii, Connecticut, California, and Guam, that would reduce
10 litter and create a steady and reliable stream of plastics for recycling; and

11 WHEREAS, this stream of plastics would further make the construction and
12 operation of advanced recycling facilities, provided for in Act No. 460 of the 2021 R.S.,
13 economically feasible by supplying constant material for processing back into basic
14 components to manufacture into new products and thereby keep plastic containers from
15 becoming litter on our otherwise scenic roadways and waterways; and

16 WHEREAS, the recycling facilities would have the additional benefit of creating
17 additional jobs and economic opportunities for our citizens and businesses.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with any
20 governmental entity or nongovernmental organization the department finds useful or
21 necessary, to study strategies to increase the recycling of plastic containers and to report
22 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality and the House
23 Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by March 10, 2023.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

