

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY SENATOR WARD AND REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Establishes the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana and to provide relative to the caucus.

WHEREAS, community health centers provide access to high quality primary care in under-served communities across the state, providing care for Louisiana's most vulnerable; the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, community health centers substantially impact the physical and economic health of the communities they serve through over 800,000 patient visits per year resulting in a savings of 318 million dollars to the healthcare system annually, supporting over 2,300 jobs in Louisiana, and having a 12.8 million dollar impact on state and local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, legislators who represent constituents who rely upon, and communities that benefit from, the public service and high quality healthcare access provided by community health centers desire that the Legislature of Louisiana bestow additional significance upon their actions and opinions on legislation and issues concerning health care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Community Health Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana for the purpose of supporting the mission and goals of community health centers in the state.

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

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DIGEST

Ward

SCR No. 73

Establishes the Community Health Caucus and commends community health centers in the state for their contributions to the state through access to primary health care in under-served communities, community service, and the positive impact on state and local tax revenue.