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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

WATER QUALITY. Urges and requests the entities that approve certain incurrence of debt, appropriation of capital outlay, or a rate adjustment to consider an applicant's compliance status with appropriate regulatory bodies and financial status with the legislative auditor as a component of their review process.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Bond Commission, the division of administration, and rate
3 setting authorities to request and consider an applicant's sewerage system compliance
4 status with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of
5 Environmental Quality and financial status with the legislative auditor as a
6 component of their review process.

7 WHEREAS, community sewerage systems are a major element of public
8 infrastructures and essential for everyday life, with wastewater treatment facilities in North
9 America processing approximately sixty gallons per person, per day; and

10 WHEREAS, even though community sewerage systems are critical components to
11 our society and public health, aging and outdated systems may have fallen into a state of
12 disrepair over the years due to lack of maintenance and needed upgrades and expanded
13 capacity; and

14 WHEREAS, community sewerage systems needing extensive repairs or upgrades can
15 become too costly to maintain and this can lead to less effective treatment or infrastructure
16 failures such as leakage causing unnecessary pollution; and

17 WHEREAS, it is important that Louisiana residents can be assured that the quality
18 of sewage treatment is monitored and maintained at levels essential for health, safety,

1 welfare, and long-term sustainability; and

2 WHEREAS, Louisiana must develop and implement a community sewerage system
3 accountability process which supports sewerage system infrastructure sustainability for the
4 residents of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, there should be a system of accountability for local government
6 authorities and other entities operating community sewerage systems and potential
7 consequences for community sewerage systems that do not achieve state and federal
8 standards; and

9 WHEREAS, there must be transparent regulatory compliance and fiscal
10 accountability information presented to the State Bond Commission, the division of
11 administration, and rate setting authorities for consideration in approving additional debt,
12 capital outlay appropriations, or a rate increase.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby urge and request the State Bond Commission, the division of administration,
15 and rate setting authorities to request and consider an applicant's sewerage system
16 compliance status with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of
17 Environmental Quality and financial status with the legislative auditor as a component of
18 their review process.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 State Bond Commission, division of administration, and Public Service Commission.

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

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Requests the State Bond Commission, the division of administration, and rate setting authorities to consider an applicant's sewerage system compliance status with the La. Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Environmental Quality and financial status with the legislative auditor as a component of their review process.