

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY SENATOR CROWE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce to meet and function as a joint committee to study the Hudson Initiative.

WHEREAS, the Hudson Initiative was established through Act 440 of the 2005 Regular Session to encourage state agencies to do business with Louisiana owned companies; and

WHEREAS, when state agencies do business with Louisiana owned companies, it benefits the Louisiana economy; and

WHEREAS, since the legislature established the Hudson Initiative in 2005, little progress has been made by state agencies to implement the provisions of the legislation; and

WHEREAS, the assistance of the following organizations and state agencies will greatly benefit the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce: the commissioner of administration, the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Economic Development and two other departments of state government selected by the commissioner of administration, along with the Association of General Contractors, the Greater New Orleans, Inc., the St. Landry Parish Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Shreveport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Louisiana, and the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce to meet and function as a joint committee to study the Hudson Initiative and find ways to encourage state agencies to implement the provisions of the legislation that created the Hudson Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall specifically solicit input, recommendations, and advice from the following: the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, two other departments of state government selected by the commissioner of administration, the Association of General Contractors, Greater New Orleans, Inc., the St. Landry Parish Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Shreveport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Louisiana, and the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee, in studying and evaluating the Hudson Initiative, shall specifically do all of the following:

- (1) Evaluate the current implementation of the initiative.
- (2) Evaluate the appropriate level and number of goals for the initiative.
- (3) Make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the initiative, including appropriate goals and benchmarks for the initiative.
- (4) Propose changes as needed to the laws and rules relative to the initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall complete its work and shall submit a final report to the legislature on or before March 1, 2009.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES