

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each department of the executive branch of state government to submit to the commissioner of administration, the legislature, and the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy by July 1, 2016, a report that outlines the initiatives the department will take to ensure a more efficient operation for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and beyond.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has faced deficits annually since Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is facing a \$747 million projected budget deficit in Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, the state general fund expenditures of state government are projected to continue to grow in the five-year continuation baseline projection but state revenues are not projected to meet those expenditures; and

WHEREAS, solving the budget deficits in the coming years and setting the state on a path of continued fiscal responsibility requires a thorough review of all areas of state operations and spending; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous areas within state government in which reforming the current policies and practices will produce savings or additional revenues for the state; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy was created by the Louisiana Legislature through a Concurrent Resolution to evaluate budget and tax reform options, to examine the structure and design of the state budget, and to make recommendations of long-term budgeting changes that will bring about improvements to the programs and services of state government, as well as cost savings through more efficient and effective state operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each department of the executive branch of state government to submit to the commissioner of administration, the legislature, and the Task Force on Structural Changes in Budget and Tax Policy by July 1, 2016, a report that outlines the initiatives the department will take to ensure a more efficient operation for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report shall include but is not limited to an examination of departmental structures, processes, civil service procedures, procurement, the use of technology, duplication of services, and the elimination or improvement of ineffective and inefficient activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of administration, the commissioner of higher education, and the secretary or otherwise designated head of each department or agency in the executive branch of government.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE