



1 Act; however, congress passed Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist  
2 Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE)  
3 that requires eighty percent of the fines to be deposited into the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust  
4 Fund (trust fund) for restoration efforts in the five coastal states damaged by the spill;  
5 Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, the monies from the trust fund will be principally divided into three  
7 funding mechanisms, the Direct Component that evenly distributes thirty-five percent to the  
8 five effected states; the Comprehensive Plan Component that directs thirty percent to the  
9 Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to implement a comprehensive gulf coast wide  
10 recovery plan; and the Spill Impact Component that distributes thirty percent to the effected  
11 states based upon a formula calculated on the miles of coastline affected by the oil spill,  
12 distance from Deepwater Horizon, and the average 2010 population; and

13 WHEREAS, unfortunately, Louisiana has recent experience in administering  
14 restoration and recovery programs in the wake of disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina, Rita,  
15 Gustav, and Isaac and has learned the value of real-time audit practices in terms of ensuring  
16 proper expenditures, providing guidance to program administrators, and transparency of  
17 decisions for the public; and

18 WHEREAS, auditing after the fact presents potential problems in the case of  
19 improper expenditures of recouping large sums from parish and county governments with  
20 minimal resources; and

21 WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act provides for up to three percent for administrative  
22 costs; there remains uncertainty whether those funds are only for the cost of the United  
23 States Treasury Department administering the RESTORE Act and whether those funds can  
24 be utilized by state and local governments for real-time audits.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary for the proper  
27 allocation of resources on the federal, state, and local level to fund real-time audit practices  
28 in developing, planning, constructing, and executing projects funded by the RESTORE Act's  
29 Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund to ensure proper expenditures and the restoration of the  
30 gulf coast for the benefit of all the citizens of the United States.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
2 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
3 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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DIGEST

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Memorializes congress to take such actions as are necessary for the proper allocation of resources to fund real-time audit practices for projects funded by the RESTORE Act.