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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

COMMERCE: Requests the office of facility planning and control, municipalities, parishes, and state universities and colleges to utilize the LEED rating system in the renovation and construction of buildings

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the office of facility planning and control of the Division of  
3 Administration, municipalities, parishes, and state universities and colleges to utilize  
4 the LEED rating system in the construction and renovation of buildings.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature desires to grow the twenty-first century  
6 economy by encouraging the expansion of healthy, resilient, high-performing building  
7 design and practice; and

8 WHEREAS, public policy that promotes healthy, resilient, high-performing building  
9 design and practices complements existing policies relating to development and  
10 environmental stewardship; and

11 WHEREAS, the U.S. Green Building Council has, in a national collaborative  
12 process, created and supports the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)  
13 green building rating systems and maintains certification processes for new and existing  
14 buildings that together identify and verify a range of responsible design, construction, and  
15 maintenance practices that can improve human and environmental health in buildings and  
16 their surroundings while saving energy, water, and money; and

17 WHEREAS, a building that has been designed, renovated, built, operated, and  
18 certified as compliant with LEED is recognized to provide, on average, a wide array of  
19 benefits compared to typical building rating systems including but not limited to: reduced  
20 energy consumption and costs; reduced water consumption and costs; improved occupant

1 comfort, health and associated costs; reduced carbon footprint and other building-related  
2 environmental impacts; improved building value; reduced operating costs; significant return  
3 on investment, especially when applying life cycle cost methodology; and

4 WHEREAS, in a 2012 study published by the Harvard Business School, researchers  
5 found that local government commitments to green buildings produce a near doubling effect  
6 of private investment, supply, and market uptake of green building in jurisdictions that adopt  
7 green building rating systems, particularly those that adopt the Leadership in Energy and  
8 Environmental Design created by the U.S. Green Building Council; and

9 WHEREAS, numerous local governments in the United States, states, and federal  
10 agencies or departments have embraced public policy initiatives that promote benchmarking  
11 buildings with LEED, the world's preeminent green building system.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 urge and request the office of facility planning and control of the division of administration  
14 and state colleges and universities to utilize the LEED rating system created by the U.S.  
15 Green Building Council in the renovation and construction of buildings.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge  
17 and request that municipalities and parishes utilize the LEED rating system created by the  
18 U.S. Green Building Council in the renovation and construction of municipal or parish  
19 buildings.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
21 commissioner of the division of administration, the director of the office of facility planning  
22 and control of the division of administration, the president of each state university system,  
23 the president of each state university or college, the president of the Louisiana Municipal  
24 Association Board of Directors, the president of the executive board of the Police Jury  
25 Association of Louisiana, and the executive director of the Louisiana Chapter of the U.S.  
26 Green Building Council.

DIGEST

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