

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY SENATOR CORTEZ AND REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize creation of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council to study and make recommendations regarding increasing resilience in various modes of transportation through increased communication, collaboration, development of geographic information technologies, and new innovations in transportation resilience.

WHEREAS, Louisiana experienced two unprecedented flood events in 2016, which resulted in two federal disaster declarations that together included fifty-nine of Louisiana's sixty-four parishes; and

WHEREAS, the flood events of 2016 highlighted critical points of failure in road, rail, and barge modes of transportation throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, geographic information technologies in transportation, pre-disaster planning involving partnerships between public and private sectors in different modes of transportation, and innovations such as shallow-draft barges and composite roadways may improve the ability of commerce to continue during and after disruptive incidents; and

WHEREAS, the creation of plans and methods that will allow workers to return to their jobs aids both workers and companies in recovering from incidents more quickly; and

WHEREAS, the discipline of supply chain resilience has resulted in new approaches that ensure reliable flows of materials and products to continue in times of disaster.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize creation of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council (Council) to meet, undertake projects, and make recommendations to the legislature relative to improvements in commercial and workforce transportation to assist in making the Louisiana economy more resilient to disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall be supported by the Department of Transportation and Development, assisted by the Department of Economic Development, and shall be a public-private partnership including local, state, and federal agencies, private transport and business associations, and quasi-governmental entities such as regional planning districts. The Council shall advise the Department of Transportation and Development on actions necessary to accomplish the following, including any additional recommendations the Council may find beneficial:

(1) Provide advanced geospatial planning and coordination to predict and avoid points of failure and to inform transportation providers in real time of routes likely to remain open during and after a disaster.

(2) Recommend agreements between providers of different modes of transportation, companies shipping or receiving goods, and public agencies to provide for effective routing of transportation under disaster scenarios.

(3) Support funding and resources to increase utilization of technology and new innovations in lessening the risk of closure, including innovations in water, rail, road, and air modes of transportation.

(4) Increase effectiveness of relationships between local, state, and federal transportation agencies, providers of transportation, shippers and receivers of goods, and their employees, to ensure constant communication and robust pre-disaster recovery planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall comprise the following members:

(1) One member shall be the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.

(2) One member shall be the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or his designee.

(3) One member shall be the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.

(4) One member shall be designated by the executive director of the office of community development within the division of administration to represent its disaster

recovery unit.

(5) Additional members of the Council shall include one representative designated by each of the following:

- (a) The Ports Association of Louisiana.
- (b) The Louisiana Motor Transport Association, Incorporated.
- (c) The Louisiana Railroads Association.
- (d) The Big River Coalition.
- (e) The American Waterways Operators, Inc.
- (f) The International Air Cargo Association.
- (g) The Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Incorporated.
- (h) The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
- (i) The Louisiana Chemical Association.
- (j) The United States Department of Transportation.
- (k) The United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- (l) The Economic Development Administration within the United States Department of Commerce.
- (m) The Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts.
- (n) The Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Council shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which any member may be individually entitled as a member of their respective organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall provide meeting space for all Council meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall submit a written report and recommendations, no later than February 1, 2018, to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the house and senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works, and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the

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Department of Economic Development, the executive director of the office of community development within the division of administration, and the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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