2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

MTR VEHICLE/TRUCKS: Creates a task force to study sources of revenue for repair of parish roads damaged by commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural products

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2 To create a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local 3 regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural 4 products and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to 5 submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee 6 on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on 7 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works not later than January 31, 2019. 8 WHEREAS, trucks that haul oilfield and agricultural products must often use rural, 9 parish roads to access pick-up and delivery points; where such roads were originally 10 designed for local, private vehicle traffic, the weight of such trucks combined with the 11 frequency of trips sometimes contributes to road damage; and 12 WHEREAS, the state constitution provides that a substantial portion of the state 13 severance tax is remitted to the governing authority of the parish in which severance or 14 production occurs, and such funds may be used to repair roads utilized by companies 15 transporting oilfield and agricultural products; and 16 WHEREAS, some parishes require trucking companies to pay road bonds and permit 17 fees, in addition to severance taxes; and 18 WHEREAS, the trucking industry is subject to regulation by the federal government, 19 the state government, and in some cases, the Public Service Commission, and all of these 20 layers of regulation add costs for private entities in this business; and

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1 WHEREAS, the addition of local regulations and fees, which may vary from one 2 parish to the next, to this already complex and costly regulatory scheme could make the 3 operation of a trucking business cost prohibitive in some locations; and 4 WHEREAS, the oil and gas and timber industries are among the leading sources of 5 revenue for Louisiana; they combine to provide employment opportunities for thousands of 6 Louisiana citizens and greatly contribute to local economies as well, but without an effective 7 transportation system for their products and byproducts, they would not be able to function; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, recognizing, however, that parish governments often bear the costs of 10 repairing parish roads, the legislature is considering a state permitting scheme in which 11 revenues collected for a state permit are distributed to parish governments as a replacement 12 for local permits, road bonds, and other local funding arrangements; and 13 WHEREAS, given the importance of maintaining roads in safe, working condition 14 and the complexity of the details associated with this policy proposal, it is appropriate that 15 the legislature should create a task force which will investigate these issues and related 16 topics and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 18 create a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local 19 regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural products 20 and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to submit a written 21 report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation, 22 Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and 23 Public Works not later than January 31, 2019. 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as 25 follows:

26 (1) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of27 whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives.

28 (2) Two members appointed by the president of the Senate, one of whom shall be29 a member of the Senate.

30 (3) One member appointed by the governor.

- (4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
 designee.
 (5) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee.
 (6) The commissioner of agriculture or his designee.
- 5 (7) The president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association or his designee.
- 6 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association or his designee.
- 7 (9) The president of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association or his designee.
- 8 (10) The president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.
- 9 (11) The president of the American Sugar Cane League or his designee.
- 10 (12) The president of the Louisiana Logging Council or his designee.
- 11 (13) The president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his designee.
- 12 (14) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.
- 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of

14 Transportation and Development shall convene the first meeting, not later than September 1,

15 2018, and that department staff shall provide administrative support to the task force.

DIGEST

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Creates a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural products and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to report to the legislative committees on transportation, highways and public works by Jan. 31, 2019.

Membership of the task force shall be as follows:

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- (2) Two members appointed by the president of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate.
- (3) One member appointed by the governor.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of agriculture or his designee.

- (7) The president of the La. Oil and Gas Assoc. or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the La. Forestry Assoc. or his designee.
- (9) The president of the La. Motor Transport Assoc. or his designee.
- (10 The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.
- (11) The president of the American Sugar Cane League or his designee.
- (12) The president of the La. Logging Council or his designee.
- (13) The president of the Police Jury Assoc. of La. or his designee.
- (14) The president of the La. Municipal Assoc. or his designee.

Provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall convene the first meeting, not later than Sept. 1, 2018, and that department staff shall provide administrative support to the task force.