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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the feasibility of providing funding for the consolidation of municipal wastewater treatment systems into larger, regionalized systems.

WHEREAS, the proper treatment of sanitary wastewater is necessary to maintain and protect the waters of our state; and

WHEREAS, currently in Louisiana, many municipal wastewater treatment systems fail to adequately treat sanitary wastewater due to a lack of available funding to perform necessary upgrades to and maintenance of existing systems, as well as a lack of qualified operators; and

WHEREAS, the continued discharge of inadequately treated sanitary wastewater into the state's waters presents a threat to the health of the citizens of Louisiana and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of municipal wastewater treatment systems into larger, regionalized systems with sufficient resources to provide for ongoing maintenance and proper operation will result in cleaner waters in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Municipal Association, the Louisiana Rural Water Association, and other interested state and local governmental entities, to study the feasibility of providing funding for the consolidation of municipal wastewater treatment systems into larger, regionalized systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, the executive secretary of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the executive director of the Louisiana Rural Water Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE