

1 WHEREAS, a thorough and systematic study of the existing issues caused by the
2 lack of broadband access due to the effects that railroads have on broadband deployment is
3 necessary and appropriate; and

4 WHEREAS, the investment in and development of railroads to eliminate the issues
5 that railroads cause to limit broadband service is necessary to better serve individuals and
6 businesses in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, a study of the current effects that railroads have on broadband
8 deployment would be the best way to obtain funding for eliminating issues that railroads
9 cause to limit broadband service throughout this state and achieving statewide access to
10 broadband service.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on
13 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to meet and function as a joint
14 committee to study the current effects that railroads have on broadband deployment and to
15 report its findings to the legislature.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall solicit input,
17 recommendations, and advice from the following:

- 18 (1) AT&T.
- 19 (2) CenturyLink.
- 20 (3) Cleco.
- 21 (4) Cox Communications.
- 22 (5) CSX Transportation.
- 23 (6) EATEL.
- 24 (7) Entergy.
- 25 (8) The Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives.
- 26 (9) The BNSF Railway.
- 27 (10) The Canadian National Railway.
- 28 (11) The Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association.
- 29 (12) Hunt Telecommunications.
- 30 (13) The Kansas City Southern Railway.

- 1 (14) The Louisiana Cable Association.
- 2 (15) The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- 3 (16) The Louisiana Internet and Television Association.
- 4 (17) The Louisiana Public Service Commission.
- 5 (18) The Louisiana Southern Railroad.
- 6 (19) The Louisiana Telecommunications Association.
- 7 (20) The Norfolk Southern Railway.
- 8 (21) The Union Pacific Railroad Company.
- 9 (22) Unity Communications.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings to
11 the legislature prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted AT&T,
13 CenturyLink, Cleco, Cox Communications, CSX Transportation, EATEL, Entergy, the
14 Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, the BNSF Railway, the Canadian National
15 Railway, the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association, the Kansas City
16 Southern Railway, the Louisiana Cable Association, the Louisiana Department of
17 Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Internet and Television Association, the
18 Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Southern Railroad, the Louisiana
19 Telecommunications Association, the Norfolk Southern Railway, the Union Pacific Railroad
20 Company, and Unity Communications.

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