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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request each agency within the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government to limit payments or reimbursements for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for its officials and employees to no more than the amounts for such expenses established by the United States General Services Administration.

WHEREAS, a "per diem" or day rate is a fixed amount of reimbursement paid for daily lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred in work-related travel; and

WHEREAS, every year the United States General Services Administration (GSA) sets per diem for destinations within the continental United States based upon the destination's cost of living; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing the per diem rates established by the GSA, state agencies can establish a much more predictable travel budget and avoid unexpected expenses that may arise; and

WHEREAS, using the established GSA per diem rates eliminates the need to keep and submit receipts for individual expenses, which reduces the administrative burden on both the individual and the state agency; and

WHEREAS, using the established GSA per diem rates simplifies the tax reporting process for both the individual and state agency and avoids potential noncompliance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each agency in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government to limit payments or reimbursements for lodging, meals, or incidental expenses for its officials and employees to no more than the amounts for such expenses established by the United States General Services Administration.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES