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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

AGRICULTURE/SUGAR: Urges and requests the Louisiana State University AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center to work together to study alternative uses of sugarcane bagasse and to make recommendations on how such alternatives can be used to benefit sugarcane producers economically

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter and the Southern
3	University Ag Center to jointly study and make recommendations on how sugarcane
4	bagasse can be used to provide value-added economic benefits to sugarcane
5	producers through investments by the private sector for uses such as soil
6	amendments, animal feed, biofuels, industrial filters or absorbents, graphene
7	production, or any other uses.
8	WHEREAS, bagasse is the cellulosic waste that remains in sugarcane stalks after
9	they are pressed to extract their juice; and
10	WHEREAS, while bagasse is effectively used for fuel in sugarcane mill boilers, there
11	remains an overabundance of bagasse accumulated at or near sugarcane mills across south
12	Louisiana; and
13	WHEREAS, as more innovative ideas for uses of bagasse are being discussed, a
14	coordinated effort by and between the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center
15	would be beneficial to studying alternative uses of bagasse.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	urge and request the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University Ag Center to jointly study
18	and make recommendations on how sugarcane bagasse can be used to provide value-added
19	economic benefits to sugarcane producers through investments by the private sector for uses

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- 1 such as soil amendments, animal feed, biofuels, industrial filters or absorbents, graphene
- 2 generator, or any other uses.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LSU AgCenter and the Southern University
 Ag Center shall provide a written report of their joint findings to the House Committee on
 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, the Sentate Committee on
 Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development, and to the David R. Poynter
 Legislative Research Library, no later than February 1, 2025.
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
- 9 to the LSU Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture, the
- 10 Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean
- 11 of the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Sugar Cane
- 12 League, and the Audubon Sugar Institute.

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