

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

APPROPRIATIONS: To urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to report on potential liabilities to the state general fund if the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project is not timely completed

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to report to the House
3 Committee on Appropriations no later than June 12, 2024, describing potential
4 liabilities to the state general fund if the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project
5 is not timely completed and outlining the steps the state can take to mitigate any
6 impact to the state general fund.

7 WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is the state agency
8 responsible for the comprehensive master coastal protection plan; and

9 WHEREAS, the goal of the comprehensive master coastal protection plan is coastal
10 restoration, coastal zone management, storm damage reduction, hurricane protection, flood
11 control, and the protection, conservation, restoration, and enhancements of coastal wetlands;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project is an important part of
14 the comprehensive master coastal protection plan; and

15 WHEREAS, the state began the permitting process for the Mid-Barataria Sediment
16 Diversion project in 2016 and began the construction phase in August of 2023; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion project has a \$2.92 billion dollar
18 construction budget, comprised of \$2.26 billion dollars from Natural Resource Damage
19 Assessment funds and \$660 million dollars from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;
20 and

1. Change the date on which the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall report to the House Committee on Appropriations from May 31, 2024, to June 12, 2024.
2. Make technical changes.