

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Creates a study commission to examine and recommend policies that facilitate the implementation of innovative, market-oriented energy and resilience financing solutions to empower Louisiana's economy.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for a study commission to examine and recommend policies that
3 facilitate the implementation of innovative, market-oriented energy and resilience
4 financing solutions to empower Louisiana's economy.

5 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the paramount
6 importance of fostering robust economic growth, attracting private investment, and
7 enhancing the resilience of our commercial infrastructure to secure a prosperous future for
8 all Louisianians; and

9 WHEREAS, innovative, market-driven financing mechanisms can be powerful tools
10 to achieve these objectives by stimulating capital investment in energy efficiency, renewable
11 energy, and hazard mitigation for commercial properties; and

12 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the critical need
13 to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy development, and resilience measures to
14 address rising energy costs, enhance economic development, and protect our communities
15 from the impacts of severe weather; and

16 WHEREAS, a variety of innovative financing mechanisms can support these goals,
17 including Commercial Property Assessed Capital Expenditure and Resilience (C-PACE)
18 programs, on-bill financing, and other public-private partnership models; and

1 WHEREAS, C-PACE programs have demonstrated success in numerous states by
2 enabling property owners to finance energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience
3 upgrades through private lenders, with repayment secured by property assessments; and

4 WHEREAS, beyond C-PACE, other financing mechanisms like on-bill financing and
5 public-private partnerships can further unlock private capital for energy and resilience
6 projects, offering diverse pathways for economic growth and infrastructure improvement;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, it is essential to carefully evaluate the potential benefits, costs, and
9 implementation considerations of these various financing mechanisms to determine the most
10 effective strategies for Louisiana.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby create and provide for a study commission to examine and recommend policies
13 that facilitate the implementation of innovative, market-oriented energy and resilience
14 financing solutions to empower Louisiana's economy, and to submit a written report of
15 findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs and
16 Louisiana Economic Development no later than February 1, 2026.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall:

18 (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of Commercial Property Assessed Capital
19 Expenditure and Resilience (C-PACE) programs, on-bill financing, and other relevant
20 financing models.

21 (2) Assess the potential of each financing mechanism to drive investment in energy
22 efficiency, renewable energy, and resilience projects across residential, commercial, and
23 industrial sectors.

24 (3) Analyze the economic, environmental, and social impacts of these financing
25 solutions, including energy savings, job creation, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

26 (4) Investigate best practices from other states and jurisdictions that have
27 successfully implemented these financing mechanisms.

28 (5) Evaluate potential barriers to adoption in Louisiana and develop strategies to
29 overcome them.

30 (6) Consider consumer protection measures, program administration costs, and

1 financing security issues associated with each financing mode.

2 (7) Develop recommendations for legislative and regulatory actions to facilitate the
3 implementation of effective energy financing solutions in Louisiana.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study commission shall be composed of
5 representatives from the following organizations and stakeholder groups:

6 (1) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

7 (2) The president of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, or his designee.

8 (3) The executive director of the Alliance for Affordable Energy, or her designee.

9 (4) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Bankers Association, or his designee.

10 (5) The president of the Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association, or his
11 designee.

12 (6) The executive director of the Louisiana Clean Energy Fund, or his designee.

13 (7) The leader of HousingLOUISIANA, or her designee.

14 (8) The chief executive officer of Energy Louisiana, or his designee.

15 (9) One representative of commercial real estate developers, appointed by the district
16 council chair of the Urban Land Institute of Louisiana.

17 (10) One representative of energy efficiency contractors, appointed by the chair of
18 the Louisiana Energy Code Transition Committee.

19 (11) The secretary of Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, or his
20 designee.

21 (12) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or her designee.

22 (13) Additional members as deemed necessary by the president of the Senate.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
24 names of designees to the commission to the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal
25 Affairs no later than July 15, 2025.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the commission shall convene for its first meeting
27 no later than August 1, 2025, at the call of the president of the Senate, or his designee, and
28 at the first meeting, the members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the commission
29 may deem appropriate.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the Senate Committee on Local and

1 Municipal Affairs shall provide staff support for the commission.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the commission shall constitute
3 a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the commission shall require
4 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve
6 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
7 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, the Office of the Governor, the
10 Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, the Louisiana Bankers Association, Gulf States
11 Renewable Energy Industries Association, Louisiana Clean Energy Fund,
12 HousingLOUISIANA, Finance New Orleans, Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural
13 Resources, and Louisiana Economic Development.

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DIGEST		
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