

1 WHEREAS, modern grocery delivery platforms, including services such as Instacart
2 and DoorDash, provide the capability for consumers to order groceries online and have them
3 delivered directly to their residences, thereby increasing access to food for individuals who
4 are homebound or otherwise unable to shop in person; and

5 WHEREAS, such delivery platforms have significantly expanded their acceptance
6 of SNAP benefits for online grocery purchases, with services now available across thousands
7 of retail locations nationwide, thereby demonstrating the scalability and accessibility of such
8 systems; and

9 WHEREAS, despite the availability of online purchasing, delivery fees and service
10 charges, which often range from several dollars per order or more depending on distance,
11 timing, and service level, remain an out-of-pocket expense that disproportionately impacts
12 low-income households; and

13 WHEREAS, requiring SNAP recipients to pay delivery fees separately may
14 discourage or prevent use of grocery delivery services, thereby limiting access to healthy
15 food options and exacerbating food insecurity among vulnerable populations; and

16 WHEREAS, federal legislation, specifically H.R. 6135 of the 119th Congress, known
17 as the "Snap Delivery Modernization Act of 2025," introduced by Congressman Cleo Fields
18 of Louisiana, proposes to amend federal law to allow SNAP benefits to be used to pay for
19 grocery delivery costs in order to increase food access; and

20 WHEREAS, analysis of such federal legislation indicates that permitting the use of
21 SNAP benefits for delivery fees would reduce barriers for low-income households, including
22 those without vehicles or with health limitations, and would make grocery delivery a more
23 practical and accessible option; and

24 WHEREAS, this state has a substantial population of elderly residents and SNAP
25 recipients who may benefit from expanded access to grocery delivery services; and

26 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study is necessary to evaluate the potential fiscal
27 impact on the state, including administrative considerations, potential cost offsets, public
28 health implications, and improvements in food accessibility and nutritional outcomes.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, in coordination with relevant

