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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. To urge and request the American Sugarcane League, LSU AgCenter, and Southern University Agricultural Center, in collaboration with agricultural manufacturers, to continue work on furthering technology and research into equipment to reduce the dependency of burning sugarcane.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the American Sugarcane League, LSU AgCenter, and Southern University Agricultural Center, in collaboration with agricultural manufacturers, to continue work on furthering technology and research into equipment that reduces the dependency of burning sugarcane.

WHEREAS, the practice of burning during sugarcane production is a long-standing residue management tool used before or after harvest in the industry; and

WHEREAS, burning is used to eliminate leafy trash residue and debris from the plant in order to allow for more efficient sugarcane harvesting and improves sugar quality and recovery in the factory; and

WHEREAS, although widely used, burning as a residue management tool can pose challenges, such as a loss of soil health and effects on air quality and visibility; and

WHEREAS, companies and individuals in the sugarcane industry recognize that a cost-effective mechanism for reducing or eliminating burning as a management tool is a high priority research topic; and

WHEREAS, facilities, like the LSU AgCenter, are actively testing alternative methods to burning, such as using a sweeper to remove residue from the top of the crop bed to allow the cut cane to grow without any disturbance that comes from excessive residue

from previous harvest; and

WHEREAS, exploration into other avenues for pre and post harvest management could potentially eliminate concerns connected with burning without compromising the productivity in the sugarcane industry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the American Sugarcane League, LSU AgCenter, and Southern University Agricultural Center, in collaboration with agricultural manufacturers, to continue work on furthering technology and research into equipment that reduces the dependency of burning sugarcane.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the American Sugarcane League, the LSU Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture, and the Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Environmental Sciences.

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