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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 276

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ENERGY: Creates the Task Force on Advanced Drilling to study the impacts of carbon storage on mineral rights and oil and gas operations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create the Task Force on Advanced Drilling to study the impacts of carbon storage on
3 mineral rights and oil and gas operations.

4 WHEREAS, the issue of drilling through carbon dioxide storage facilities is an
5 important issue affecting many aspects of mineral development in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, additional drilling and operating costs incurred as a result of carbon
7 storage needs to be studied, in particular how it may affect mineral interest owners and
8 disposal well operations; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a need for a thorough examination of the current regulations and
10 policies governing drilling through storage facilities, existing avenues for compensation of
11 mineral owners and reimbursement of additional drilling and operating costs, and current
12 geological and engineering standards; and

13 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of these aspects of carbon storage will provide
14 valuable insights into the concerns of mineral owners, disposal well operators, and industry
15 stakeholders and facilitate the development of informed and equitable solutions to those
16 concerns.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Advanced
19 Drilling to study the impacts of carbon dioxide storage on mineral rights and oil and gas
20 operations, and may propose recommendations for specifications, regulations, and
21 guidelines, together with specific proposals for legislation.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any recommendations or proposals shall be
2 submitted by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative
3 Research Library, as required by R.S. 24:772, by March 1, 2027.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature recommends that the task force
5 include consideration of the following:

6 (1) Geologic and engineering factors relative to drilling through carbon dioxide
7 storage facilities.

8 (2) Additional drilling and operating costs that can be expected as a result of carbon
9 dioxide storage, and in particular, economic impacts on mineral owners and disposal well
10 operations.

11 (3) Current regulations and policies governing drilling through storage facilities.

12 (4) Existing avenues for compensation of mineral owners and reimbursement of
13 additional drilling and operating costs.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
15 members:

16 (1) Two members representing the House Committee on Natural Resources and
17 Environment, to be designated by the chairman.

18 (2) One member representing independent oil and gas operators, to be designated
19 by the chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

20 (3) Two members representing the Department of Conservation and Energy, one of
21 whom shall have relevant legal expertise and one of whom shall have relevant geological
22 expertise, to be designated by the secretary.

23 (4) One member designated by the executive director of the Louisiana State
24 University Energy Institute.

25 (5) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and
26 Gas Association.

27 (6) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas
28 Association.

29 (7) One member designated by the president of the Louisiana Chemical Association.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
2 names of designees to the task force to the executive director of the Louisiana State
3 University Energy Institute no later than July 31, 2026.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at the first meeting, the members shall elect a
5 chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting
7 no later than October 1, 2026, at the call of the executive director of the Louisiana State
8 University Energy Institute.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Louisiana
10 State University Energy Institute.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
12 quorum for the transaction of business and all official actions of the task force shall require
13 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
15 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
16 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
18 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the
19 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the
21 conclusion of its business or April 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the secretary of
24 the Department of Conservation and Energy, the executive director of the Louisiana State
25 University Energy Institute, the president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas
26 Association, the president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, and the president of the
27 Louisiana Chemical Association.

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