

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 274 (Substitute for House Resolution No. 216 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

ENERGY: Requests a review of the Climate Initiatives Task Force and the Louisiana Climate Action Plan by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to  
3 conduct a hearing to review the Louisiana Climate Action Plan of 2022, including  
4 the resulting Priority Climate Action Plan, created by the Climate Initiatives Task  
5 Force.

6 WHEREAS, in August of 2020 Governor John Bel Edwards issued an executive  
7 order to create a Climate Initiatives Task Force whom he charged with developing a  
8 statewide comprehensive climate action plan as a framework for future policy initiatives;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Climate Action Plan, submitted in February of 2022 by  
11 the Climate Initiatives Task Force pursuant to Executive Order JBE 2020-18, promoted a  
12 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goal by 2050, which aligned with international agendas  
13 like the Paris Climate Agreement; and

14 WHEREAS, committees of neither chamber of the Legislature of Louisiana  
15 conducted a formal review or oversight hearing on the plan or its implications; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2024 and 2025 new administrations were sworn in both the state of  
17 Louisiana and the United States federal government that shifted policy initiatives toward the  
18 principles of limited government, free markets, individual liberty, energy dominance, and  
19 American sovereignty; and

1           WHEREAS, it is now in the best interest of the citizens of Louisiana to conduct a  
2 thorough, independent review of the Climate Initiatives Task Force and the 2022 Louisiana  
3 Climate Action Plan to determine their ongoing need, applicability, or non-applicability; and

4           WHEREAS, the objective of the review shall be to assess current environmental,  
5 ecological, and natural resource priorities in Louisiana in the context of long-term energy  
6 dominance and economic strength and to ensure their congruence with national objectives  
7 such as withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords and any other treaties or agreements  
8 that are antithetical to American values and sovereignty; and

9           WHEREAS, good stewardship of Louisiana's natural resources, including our air,  
10 land and soil, and subsurface resources should be a primary focus during the review; and

11           WHEREAS, the ultimate objective of the review shall be to determine how much of  
12 the 2022 Climate Action Plan should be publicly repudiated and which provisions, if any,  
13 should be retained or adapted; and

14           WHEREAS, the review shall also include an investigation and determination of  
15 whether any foreign or malign influences or actors from adversary nations were involved in  
16 the creation of the 2022 Climate Action Plan; and

17           WHEREAS, Louisiana's economy is deeply rooted in the energy, petrochemical,  
18 manufacturing, agriculture, and transportation sectors, which provide substantial  
19 employment, tax revenue, and economic stability to the citizens of this state; and

20           WHEREAS, embracing America-first and Louisiana-first policies focused on  
21 unleashing domestic oil and gas production, protecting private property rights, reducing  
22 dependence on the federal government, and promoting free-market innovation will better  
23 serve the state's economy, workers, and citizens.

24           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the House Committee on Natural  
26 Resources and Environment to conduct a hearing to review the Louisiana Climate Action  
27 Plan of 2022, including the resulting Priority Climate Action Plan, developed by the Climate  
28 Initiatives Task Force.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on  
30 Natural Resources and Environment may request input from the Department of Conservation

1 and Energy, the Department of Environmental Quality, and all other relevant state agencies  
2 and stakeholders to provide all necessary information and assistance for the comprehensive  
3 review.

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DIGEST

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