

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY SENATOR BARTHELEMY

RAILROADS. Directs the Department of Transportation and Development to study and review the proposed reactivation of the Norfolk Southern Railway originating at the Alabo Street Wharf.

A RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to review and study any potential hazards of the increasing railroad activity on the Norfolk Southern Railway originating at the Alabo Street Wharf.

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Railway is a Class I freight railroad operating in the Eastern United States, with key infrastructure that includes approximately a six mile rail bridge on the Lake Pontchartrain Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Alabo Street Wharf in New Orleans was originally a slaughterhouse that was purchased by the Port of New Orleans to transport river and train cargo, including lumber, copper, and sugar; and

WHEREAS, this rail corridor has been largely dormant for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Port of New Orleans has entered into a fifteen-year lease agreement with Sunrise Foods International to convert the Alabo Street Wharf in the Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross, and other St. Bernard Parish neighborhoods into a specialized terminal for importing organic grain, transported by Norfolk Southern trains; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, there were multiple incidents involving Norfolk Southern trains colliding with vehicles and eighteen-wheeler trucks; and

WHEREAS, some tracks run within fifteen feet of the resident's front doors; and

