

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 374

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

WATER/RESOURCES: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Energy to study cooperative endeavor agreements for the withdrawal of surface water

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of  
3 Conservation and Energy to study cooperative endeavor agreements for the  
4 withdrawal of surface water and provide a written summary of their findings to the  
5 House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment prior to the convening of  
6 the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana finds and  
8 declares that the surface waters of the state of Louisiana are among its most valuable natural  
9 resources and are essential to the state's economy, environment, public safety, and quality  
10 of life; and

11 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana further  
12 finds that the responsible management of surface water resources requires a balanced  
13 approach that supports economic development while ensuring the long-term sustainability  
14 and usability of the state's waterways; and

15 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes  
16 that invasive aquatic vegetation and species including but not limited to giant salvinia, water  
17 hyacinth, and hydrilla pose a significant and growing threat to Louisiana's lakes, rivers, and  
18 other water bodies by impairing navigation, increasing flood risk, degrading wildlife habitat,  
19 and limiting public access; and

1           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana further  
2 finds that aquatic vegetation overgrowth and invasive species infestations can render water  
3 bodies unusable for commerce, recreation, and resource management if not effectively  
4 controlled; and

5           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana intends  
6 to:

7           (1) Ensure that the use and withdrawal of surface water resources contributes to the  
8 preservation and maintenance of those resources.

9           (2) Support a statewide, coordinated approach to aquatic vegetation management and  
10 invasive species control.

11           (3) Provide for research, monitoring, and long-term management strategies to  
12 address invasive aquatic species.

13           (4) Establish sustainable funding mechanisms to assist in the protection and  
14 restoration of Louisiana's waterways for the benefit of present and future generations.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Wildlife and  
17 Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Energy to study cooperative endeavor  
18 agreements for the withdrawal of surface water including consideration of the four  
19 enumerated intentions of the House of Representatives as expressed in this Resolution and  
20 provide a written summary of their findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources  
21 and Environment at least thirty days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session of  
22 the Legislature.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the secretary of the Department  
25 of Conservation and Energy.

DIGEST

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Firment

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