

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Louisiana Geological Survey to submit a report to the legislature on the current status, recent progress, and near-term needs related to the collection, retention, and accessibility of well logs, core samples, and other subsurface data held by the state.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS), established pursuant to R.S. 17:1492, maintains the Well Log and Core Repository and is charged with maintaining current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Energy, created pursuant to R.S. 36:351, exercises authority over the filing of well logs, electrical surveys, drilling records, and other subsurface data; and

WHEREAS, these collections support energy development, groundwater management, environmental protection, geologic hazard assessment, carbon storage siting, and academic research; and

WHEREAS, the legislature desires to understand the current status and recent progress of efforts to preserve, modernize, and improve access to the state's subsurface data holdings in order to inform future policy decisions and investments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Louisiana Geological Survey to jointly prepare and submit a progress report addressing the following:

(1) A summary of existing subsurface data holdings, including well logs, core samples, and related materials, and the current condition and accessibility of those holdings.

(2) A description of actions taken or underway to preserve, digitize, or modernize subsurface data and associated infrastructure, including the Well Log and Core Repository.

(3) Identification of near-term needs, limitations, or resource gaps that affect the collection, retention, or accessibility of the state's subsurface data.

(4) Any preliminary recommendations for legislative consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted no later than March 1, 2027, to the following:

(1) The House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

(2) The Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

(3) The Natural Resources Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall develop a written plan, including recommendations and proposals for legislation, and submit the plan to the Senate and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy, the director of the Louisiana Geological Survey, and the chairman of the State Mineral and Energy Board.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE