

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HCR 104****2026 Regular Session****Coates**

ENERGY: Urges and requests the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Louisiana Geological Survey to study and develop recommendations for the collection, retention, and access to the state's subsurface data

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the resolution from an "urge and request" to a "request".
2. Removes request for the Department of Conservation and Energy (C&E) and the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS) to review applicable statutes, rules, and regulations governing the collection, retention, submission, and accessibility of subsurface geological data held by the state.
3. Removes request that C&E and LGS identify needed improvements to physical and intellectual access to collections of subsurface data held by the state.
4. Removes request for an advisory committee to be formed by C&E and LGS, including designees from the House and Senate natural resources committees, representatives of other state agencies, representatives from academic institutions, and representatives from industry, to help develop a proposal for the modernization of the collection, retention, and accessibility of the state's subsurface data.
5. Removes request for C&E and LGS to consult with other state agencies with subsurface data holdings.
6. Removes request that C&E and LGS include in their review an assessment of confidentiality periods established in law, data ownership and data retention standards established by law, voluntary data contributions, data submission in digital formats such as LAS files, and interagency data-sharing.
7. Removes request that the modernization proposal include recommendations for updating the LGS Well Log and Core Repository.
8. Adds request that C&E and LGS submit a progress report addressing current holdings; actions already being taken by the agencies to modernize subsurface data collections and the Well Log and Core Repository; near-term needs, limitations, or resource gaps affecting the state's subsurface data; and preliminary recommendations for legislative consideration.
9. Adds requirement that a written plan including recommendations for legislation be developed by a task force and submitted to the Senate and the House research library by March 1, 2027.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Requests the Dept. of Conservation and Energy and the La. Geological Survey prepare a progress report regarding existing subsurface data and storage, actions underway by the agencies to modernize these collections and the LGS Well Log and Core Repository, near-term needs and issues affecting the collections and preliminary recommendations for legislative consideration and submit this progress report to the House an Senate natural resources committees and the Natural Resources Trust Authority by March 1, 2027.

Requires that a task force develop a written plan with recommendations for legislation and submit this plan to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library by March 1, 2027.