

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY SENATOR MIZELL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report relative to the implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to submit a report on the  
3 implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is an  
5 unprecedented five year federally funded investment aimed to increase healthcare access and  
6 improve healthcare outcomes for rural communities across the state; and

7 WHEREAS, the RHTP will focus on improving prevention and chronic disease  
8 management, strengthening workforce development, technology innovation, improving rural  
9 healthcare infrastructure, and developing innovative care models that deliver high quality,  
10 efficient, and sustainable care; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana was awarded \$208.4 million for the first year of the grant,  
12 with an estimated award of \$1.4 billion over the grant period that represents one of the top  
13 awards in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health is implementing multiple initiatives  
15 through the program, including the Rural Tech Catalyst Fund in partnership with Louisiana  
16 Economic Development; and

17 WHEREAS, the fund is designed to support innovative companies, entrepreneurs,  
18 healthcare organizations, and partners working to improve healthcare access, delivery, and

