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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

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ECONOMIC DEVELOP DEPT. Urge and request the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to continue to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all markets with the state.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to continue to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing 3 air service options to all markets within the state, as well as exploring the feasibility 4 5 and benefits of the state providing financial assistance or incentives to an airline that chooses to locate its hub operations at Armstrong International Airport. 6 7 WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is in a process of recovery, rebuilding, and 8 revitalization following the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; 9 and 10 WHEREAS, as a result of the severe devastation, the entire state has suffered great 11 economic loss due to the interruption in safe, secure, and reliable air transportation; and WHEREAS, prior to the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, 12 13 the entire state was viewed as being under served by the current carriers; and 14 WHEREAS, Louisiana's economic development blueprint, Louisiana: Vision 2020 recognizes the need for a safe, secure, and reliable statewide transportation system; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the greater New Orleans metropolitan area relies heavily on both the tourism and convention businesses with a projected 85,000 employees prior to Hurricane 17 Katrina: and 18

1	WHEREAS, a vital component to the success and recovery of both of these industries
2	is the availability of safe, secure, and reliable air transportation; and
3	WHEREAS, the recovery of the New Orleans economy is dependent on air service,
4	yet the increase in air travel options following Hurricane Katrina is dependent on a recovery
5	of the economy; and
6	WHEREAS, although airline travel at Armstrong International Airport is slowly
7	being brought back following the hurricanes, there exists uncertainty as to when the
8	established airlines will provide service equal to that experienced before the hurricanes; and
9	WHEREAS, the hub-and-spoke system allows an airline to use a central airport as
10	its "hub" with the ability to route numerous flights, or "spokes," through the hub in a more
11	efficient and economic manner; and
12	WHEREAS, as a hub, the State of Louisiana and Armstrong International Airport
13	would see a significant impact in both the increase in available air service, as well as the
14	increase in the number of passengers able to access Louisiana through safe, secure, and
15	reliable air transportation; and
16	WHEREAS, it is vital to the continued recovery, rebuilding, and revitalization of the
17	State of Louisiana, as well as continued economic growth, that the governor and the
18	secretary of the Department of Economic Development continue to study and make
19	recommendations relative to enhancing air service for the benefit of the state's citizens and
20	businesses.
21	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22	request the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to
23	continue to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all
24	markets within the state, as well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state
25	providing financial assistance or incentives to an airline that chooses to locate its hub

operations at Armstrong International Airport.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeffery T. Oglesbee.

DIGEST

Request the governor and the secretary of the Department of Economic Development to continue to study and make recommendations relative to enhancing air service options to all markets within the state, as well as exploring the feasibility and benefits of the state providing financial assistance or incentives to an airline that chooses to locate its hub operations at Armstrong International Airport.