

Present law establishes the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (Hudson Initiative) to facilitate the growth and stability of Louisiana's economy by fostering utilization by state interests of the business offerings available for state procurement and public contracts from Louisiana's small entrepreneurships.

Proposed law would have created The Hudson Initiative Task Force to study and evaluate the Hudson Initiative and an appropriate level and number of goals for the initiative and to make recommendations for improving its effectiveness, including appropriate goals and benchmarks and propose changes as needed to laws and rules.

Would have provided that the task force meet no later than August 1, 2008, that it submit quarterly progress reports, and that it complete its work and submit a final report to the House Committees on Appropriations and Commerce and the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and Finance on or before July 1, 2010, at which time the task force would cease to exist.

Would have become effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 39:2004)

**VETO MESSAGE:** "At the request of the author, Senator A.G. Crowe, I have vetoed and hereby return Senate Bill No. 790 to the Senate. A copy of Senator Crowe's request is attached."

Text of attached letter:

"Dear Governor Jindal:

Re: Suggested Veto of Senate Bill # 790 (by Sen. Crowe) of the 2008 Regular Session

I am respectfully asking you to veto my Senate Bill # 790. This is the bill which attempts to encourage state agencies to do business with Louisiana owned businesses. In the last few days of the 2008 Regular Session, all parties, including John Carpenter with the division of administration, agreed to some amendments that were to be adopted on the House floor. Because of the confusion and rush of the final session days, the amendment was overlooked and did not get adopted onto the bill. In keeping to the commitment I made to the Administration and all parties involved with the bill, it is incumbent upon me to ask you to veto Senate Bill # 790."