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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

PUBLIC HEALTH: Requests state-level collaboration on cancer investigation and local public health notifications regarding cancer incidence

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Public Health Institute and the Louisiana Cancer
3	Prevention and Control Programs of the School of Public Health of the Louisiana
4	State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, jointly, to lead a collaborative
5	effort to improve cancer investigation and intervention functions in this state, and to
6	develop recommendations to the legislature concerning effective and responsible
7	practices for issuing local public health notifications regarding cancer incidence.
8	WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of
9	Health, the American Cancer Society, and the annual America's Health Rankings report,
10	Louisiana historically has had one of the highest cancer mortality rates in the nation, and this
11	trend continues to the present day; and
12	WHEREAS, effective cancer investigation programs use statistical modeling to
13	improve understanding of cancer incidence by geographic area and to evaluate cancer
14	control interventions within the focus areas of prevention, screening, and treatment; and
15	WHEREAS, cancer investigation programs can guide public health research, health
16	and environmental policy priorities, and development of optimal cancer control strategies;
17	however, Louisiana currently lacks both the funding and the administrative capacity to
18	operate an effective cancer investigation program on behalf of its citizens; and
19	WHEREAS, beyond instituting effective cancer investigation and control efforts,
20	Louisiana's public health system could better serve the people of this state by also

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1	developing the capability to communicate effectively with parish and municipal
2	governments about localized threats to the public health relating to cancer incidence; and
3	WHEREAS, it is essential that any such public health notification system balance
4	delivery of credible information on real cancer-related dangers to local governments and
5	citizens with the necessity of communicating this information in a manner that does not
6	cause undue alarm or fear in any community.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8	urge and request the Louisiana Public Health Institute and the Louisiana Cancer Prevention
9	and Control Programs of the School of Public Health of the Louisiana State University
10	Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, jointly, to lead a collaborative effort to accomplish
11	all of the following:
12	(1) Improve cancer investigation and intervention functions in this state.
13	(2) Develop recommendations to the legislature concerning effective and responsible
14	practices for issuing local public health notifications regarding cancer incidence.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Public Health Institute and the
16	Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs, jointly, shall engage stakeholders
17	representing all of the following institutions and organizations in the collaborative effort
18	called for in this Resolution:
19	(1) The office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health.
20	(2) The Louisiana Cancer Research Center.
21	(3) The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
22	(4) The Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
23	(5) The Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy.
24	(6) The Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board.
25	(7) The Louisiana Advisory Committee on Populations and Geographic Regions
26	With Excessive Cancer Rates.
27	(8) The Louisiana Chapter of the American Cancer Society.
28	(9) The Louisiana Environmental Action Network.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Public Health Institute and the
30	Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs, jointly, shall develop a report of the

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results of the collaborative effort called for in this Resolution, and shall submit the report to
the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and
Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2018 Regular Session of the
Legislature.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 6 chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana 7 8 Department of Health, the chief administrative officer of the Louisiana Cancer Research 9 Center, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New 10 Orleans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at 11 Shreveport, the dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical 12 Medicine, the dean of the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy, the 13 chairperson of the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board, the chairperson of the 14 Louisiana Advisory Committee on Populations and Geographic Regions With Excessive 15 Cancer Rates, the director of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the 16 executive director of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Public Health Institute (LPHI) and the La. Cancer Prevention and Control Programs of the School of Public Health of the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, jointly, to lead a collaborative effort to improve cancer investigation and intervention functions in this state, and to develop recommendations concerning effective and responsible practices for issuing local public health notifications regarding cancer incidence.

Provides that LPHI and the La. Cancer Prevention and Control Programs, jointly, shall issue a report of such recommendations to the legislative committees on health and welfare no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 2018 R.S.