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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

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RAILROADS. Requests DOTD and DEQ to collaborate with designated entities to conduct an environmental review on quantifiable public health, safety, and welfare impacts associated with any new railroad alignment in the city of Gretna.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the
3 Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to collaborate with the Rio Grande
4 Pacific Corporation, the New Orleans and Gulf Coast Railway Company, the Federal
5 Railroad Administration, the executive office of the United States Department of
6 Transportation, the United Transportation Union, and the Surface Transportation
7 Board to conduct a thorough environmental review that accounts for the magnitude
8 of adverse, quantifiable public health, safety, and welfare impacts associated with
9 any new railroad alignment in the city of Gretna, Louisiana.

10 WHEREAS, the city of Gretna is acknowledged to have some of the most
11 problematic urban rail safety conditions in the country, with some of the nation's highest
12 concentration of unprotected rail crossings and insufficient buffers for the transport of
13 hazardous materials; and

14 WHEREAS, the city of Gretna, and other regional partners, including the New
15 Orleans and Gulf Coast Railway Company, Jefferson Parish, and Plaquemines Parish,
16 worked together to identify a viable, mutually agreed upon realignment during a four-year
17 Environmental Assessment for the LA 23 New Orleans and Gulf Coast Railway Relocation
18 Project conducted by the Federal Railroad Administration; and

