

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development to determine what monies, state or federal, are available for flood control projects in the coastal zone or coastal area, and in the area outside of the coastal area.

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 49:214.6.1 et seq., the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is responsible as the implementation and enforcement arm of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board for implementation and enforcement of the state's master plan for integrated coastal protection and the annual plans for integrated coastal protection to protect, conserve, enhance, and restore the coastal area through the construction and management of integrated coastal protection projects and programs which plans are defined in R.S. 49:214.2; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall implement the integration of hurricane protection, storm damage reduction, flood control, infrastructure, and coastal protection and restoration efforts in accordance with the master plan and annual plans; and

WHEREAS, the coastal area is defined as "The Louisiana Coastal Zone and contiguous areas subject to storm or tidal surge and the area comprising the Louisiana Coastal Ecosystem as defined in Section 7001 of P. L. 110-114"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 38:90.1 et seq., the Statewide Flood Control Program and the Flood Control Project Evaluation Committee are placed within the Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Statewide Flood Control Program is to reduce existing flood damages by providing guidance and public funds to build flood control infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Department of Transportation and Development to determine what monies, state or federal, are available for flood control projects in the coastal zone or coastal area, and in the area outside of the coastal area, and to report their findings to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations not later than February 3, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include a current list of flood control projects, including a description and location of the projects, the amount of money dedicated to each project, and the source of funding for each project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES