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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

ELDERLY: Establishes a joint subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Health and Welfare to study and compile information on projected future demand and state expenditures for state-provided long-term supports and services for the elderly and persons with adult-onset disabilities

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and request the chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the
3	House Committee on Health and Welfare, acting jointly, to appoint a joint
4	subcommittee composed of members from each committee to study and compile
5	projected future demand and expenditures for state-provided long-term supports and
6	services for the elderly and persons with adult-onset disabilities, and to report
7	findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular
8	Session.
9	WHEREAS, every day, more and more members of the largest generation of
10	Americans in modern history require long-term supports and services provided by state and
11	private facilities; and
12	WHEREAS, states across the nation face a serious challenge in providing quality
13	long-term supports and services to these citizens; and
14	WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic brought to light vulnerabilities in how
15	services are currently provided to this valued portion of our population; and
16	WHEREAS, as of June 3, 2020, according to data supplied by the Louisiana
17	Department of Health, the average age of victims of the COVID-19 pandemic in Louisiana
18	was seventy-five and the disease exacted a disproportionate toll on our black citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, providing quality services to our aging citizens in addition to 2 implementing precautions to help keep them safe in the event of another pandemic is likely 3 to require a larger portion of state and federal funding; and 4 WHEREAS, even without the added expense of implementing protections against 5 future pandemics, current state funding levels for state-provided long-term supports and 6 services are inadequate to meet existing demand as thousands of citizens are unable to access 7 these services when needed; and 8 WHEREAS, adding to the challenge, more non-elderly adults will also increase 9 demand for state-provided long-term supports and services due to disabilities or chronic 10 illnesses, which also place them at a greater risk in the event there is another pandemic; and 11 WHEREAS, determining the gap between the projected state-provided supports and 12 services resources and future demand for such resources is essential to effectively plan for 13 and address the fiscal implication of meeting that demand; and 14 WHEREAS, to accurately gauge the fiscal impact of providing such services to all 15 who need it requires estimating three separate trends: population demographics, expected 16 state service utilization, and the cost of services provided by the state of Louisiana. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 18 Legislature of Louisiana hereby authorizes and requests the chairmen of the House 19 Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare, acting in 20 concert, to each appoint an equal number of members to a joint subcommittee for the 21 purpose of studying and compiling projections on future demand and expenditures for state-22 provided long-term supports and services for the elderly and persons with adult-onset 23 disabilities and reporting findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of 24 the 2021 Regular Session. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee shall be composed of six 26 members with equal representation from each standing committee, and the members of the 27 joint subcommittee shall elect a chairman by majority vote at the subcommittee's first 28 meeting.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee to compile information on the following:

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- (1) Expected growth in the elderly and adult-onset disability populations needing state services between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2030.
- 5 (2) Expected need for long-term supports and services, provided by the state of Louisiana, within the elderly and adult-onset disability population, based on trends in health status.
- 8 (3) Expected costs to establish and maintain protocols to protect persons in long-9 term care facilities in the event of a future pandemic.
  - (4) Expected state service usage, based on factors such as current trends in service settings and future availability of informal caregiver support.
  - (5) Expected future costs by the state of Louisiana, including legally mandated increases in provider rates, legally mandated provider costs such as overtime pay, and trends in direct care wages and other costs.
  - (6) Options for decreasing expected future costs, such as optional care models and increased present-day funding for health initiatives that will benefit citizens as they age, delaying reliance on state-provided long-term support and care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in undertaking the study, the joint subcommittee shall conduct public hearings and seek input from the Louisiana Department of Health and the governor's office of elderly affairs, may seek input from any other agencies and organizations, and may request research, documents, or data and take any other actions it deems necessary to carry out its functions.

## **DIGEST**

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