

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Engrossed House
Concurrent Resolution No. 104 by Representative Coates1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 8 and insert:

3 "To request the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Louisiana
4 Geological Survey to submit a report to the legislature on the current status, recent
5 progress, and near-term needs related to the collection, retention, and accessibility
6 of well logs, core samples, and other subsurface data held by the state."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 28 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 19, delete pages 2 and 3, and on page 4, delete lines 1
9 through 16 and insert:

10 "WHEREAS, the Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS), established pursuant
11 to R.S. 17:1492, maintains the Well Log and Core Repository and is charged with
12 maintaining current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the state; and
13 WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Energy, created pursuant
14 to R.S. 36:351, exercises authority over the filing of well logs, electrical surveys,
15 drilling records, and other subsurface data; and
16 WHEREAS, these collections support energy development, groundwater
17 management, environmental protection, geologic hazard assessment, carbon storage
18 siting, and academic research; and
19 WHEREAS, the legislature desires to understand the current status and recent
20 progress of efforts to preserve, modernize, and improve access to the state's
21 subsurface data holdings in order to inform future policy decisions and investments."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 323 On page 4, delete lines 17 through 29, delete page 5, and on page 6, delete lines 1 through
24 27 and insert:

25 "THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does
26 hereby request the Department of Conservation and Energy and the Louisiana
27 Geological Survey to jointly prepare and submit a progress report addressing the
28 following:

29 (1) A summary of existing subsurface data holdings, including well logs, core
30 samples, and related materials, and the current condition and accessibility of those
31 holdings.

32 (2) A description of actions taken or underway to preserve, digitize, or
33 modernize subsurface data and associated infrastructure, including the Well Log and
34 Core Repository.

35 (3) Identification of near-term needs, limitations, or resource gaps that affect
36 the collection, retention, or accessibility of the state's subsurface data.

37 (4) Any preliminary recommendations for legislative consideration.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted no later
39 than March 1, 2027, to the following:

40 (1) The House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

41 (2) The Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

42 (3) The Natural Resources Commission.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall develop a written
44 plan, including recommendations and proposals for legislation, and submit the plan
45 to the Senate and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by
46 R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2027."