

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 370

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LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Authorizes and directs the legislative auditor to study the economic impact that the city of New Orleans has on state revenues

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the economic impact that the city of
3 New Orleans has on the state fisc and to report his findings to the House Committee
4 on Appropriations.

5 WHEREAS, with its diverse cultural offerings, extensive entertainment options, and
6 reputation for excellent cuisine, the city of New Orleans is a consistently attractive option
7 for state and national conventions, sporting events, and the tourism industry; and

8 WHEREAS, from Mardi Gras parades to nationally recognized festivals to
9 professional sports competitions, the city plays host year round to events that attract visitors
10 from all over the state, the nation, and the world; and

11 WHEREAS, because of its location at the mouth of a navigable river and near the
12 Gulf of Mexico, the city is an important hub for the cruise line industry, which brings tens
13 of thousands of visitors year round for departures to domestic and international destinations;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, New Orleans & Company figures show the city welcomed nineteen
16 million visitors in 2025, generating over ten billion dollars in spending; and

17 WHEREAS, New Orleans is also an economic hub, connecting the United States
18 with the rest of America and with other countries through the Port of New Orleans—one of
19 the busiest ports in the country—keeping a stream of goods and products moving through
20 the economy; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development notes that the New Orleans metro
2 area is ranked No. 2 in America for economic development projects; and

3 WHEREAS, the financial impact that the city and its diverse attractions contribute
4 to the state's financial position has not been holistically measured; and

5 WHEREAS, a clear picture of the economic benefit that the city of New Orleans
6 contributes to the rest of the state will be helpful in determining allocation of state resources
7 in future years as the city works to continue securing tourism dollars and big ticket events
8 such as sporting events and championships, national festivals, and conventions.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the
11 economic impact that the city of New Orleans has had on the state fisc over the past ten
12 fiscal years and to report his findings to the House Committee on Appropriations prior to the
13 convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Revenue
15 assist the legislative auditor with this study by supplying historical collections information
16 as requested by the legislative auditor.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the
18 legislative auditor and the secretary of the Department of Revenue.

DIGEST

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