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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Requests the House Committee on Transportation to study the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program to determine if the department's contracting activities are in line with the program's objectives based on local market place conditions

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works
3 to study the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's
4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has
6 developed a Unified Certification Program, as required by 49 CFR Part 26.81 of the United
7 States Department of Transportation, to certify businesses qualified as a Disadvantaged
8 Business Enterprise (DBE); and

9 WHEREAS, DBEs are for-profit small businesses where socially and economically
10 disadvantaged individuals own at least a fifty-one percent interest and also control
11 management and daily business operations; and

12 WHEREAS, a DBE program was created to remedy past and current discrimination
13 against socially and economically disadvantaged individuals wanting to do business with the
14 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development on federally assisted projects; and

15 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is
16 responsible for certifying the eligibility of DBE firms to participate in United States
17 Department of Transportation contracts and establish narrowly-tailored goals for the
18 participation of disadvantaged entrepreneurs; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation's DBE program
2 provides a vehicle for increasing the participation of minority-owned small businesses in
3 state and local contract procurement.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on
6 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to study the Unified Certification Program of
7 the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to ensure the department's
8 contracting and certification activities follow the program's objectives based on local market
9 place conditions.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a final report of the committee's findings and
11 recommendations shall be submitted to the House of Representatives no later than January
12 1, 2015.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the House Committee on Transportation to study the La. Dept. of Transportation and Development's Unified Certification Program. Provides that the committee submit a final report to the House of Representatives by Jan. 1, 2015.