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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES