



1           WHEREAS, Blanco Center Director Stephen Barnes has conducted numerous studies  
2 of the Louisiana economy including studies on waterborne commerce, workforce demand,  
3 and education and training; and

4           WHEREAS, the Blanco Center is a valuable resource for independent research and  
5 analysis on matters of importance to public policy in Louisiana.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 urge and request the Blanco Center, in consultation with the University of Louisiana System  
8 including Grambling, the Southern University System, and the Louisiana Community and  
9 Technical College System, to analyze market demand, market rates, diversity, and education  
10 and training related to maritime and port-related jobs, including the offshore, marine, and  
11 barge industries and make recommendations to the legislature while balancing the following  
12 goals:

- 13           (1)     Increasing equitable access to employment as a river port and steamship pilot  
14                   in Louisiana.
- 15           (2)     Maintaining safe and efficient navigation of rivers and waterways in  
16                   Louisiana.
- 17           (3)     Supporting Louisiana's competitive role as a hub for waterborne commerce.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written reports shall be submitted to the House  
19 Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
20 and International Affairs on the following timeline:

- 21           (1)     A preliminary status report no later than February 1, 2022.
- 22           (2)     A final report of recommendations no later than February 1, 2023.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 director of the Blanco Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the chairman of the  
25 board of supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the chairman of the board of  
26 supervisors of the Southern University System, and the chairman of the board of supervisors  
27 of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Blanco Center to collaborate with certain organizations to analyze market demand, market rates, diversity, and education and training related to maritime and port-related jobs, including the offshore, marine, and barge industries.