

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

FLOODING/CONTROL: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to report to the legislature concerning the Darlington Reservoir project

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to report to the
3 legislature concerning the Darlington Reservoir project.

4 WHEREAS, the Comite River Diversion Canal impact has tremendous benefits in
5 East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parish and it is one of five proposed projects
6 recommended by the Army Corp of Engineers; and

7 WHEREAS, the five projects recommended include, the Comite Reservoir Canal,
8 the East Baton Rouge flood control, the Darlington Reservoir, the Amite River Ecosystem
9 Restoration, and the Bayou Manchac; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of these projects was, in large part, to mitigate flooding in
11 the greater Baton Rouge Metro area; and

12 WHEREAS, the impact of the dry reservoir serves some communities and the impact
13 of the wet reservoir serves others; and

14 WHEREAS, there are surveys being conducted in communities to see which
15 reservoir would work better for Louisiana as a whole; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers indicates it needs an
17 additional three and a half years and an extra six million to study the proposed Darlington
18 Dry Dam to better assess the risk of catastrophic failure and its impact on minority
19 communities and archaeological sites; and

20 WHEREAS, the next level of study in the New Orleans district is still seeking
21 internal agency approval that would be completely federally funded; and

1 WHEREAS, the corps had hoped to seek congressional authorization and funding
2 in late 2021 but now wants to further explore soil conditions and perform other field work
3 to ensure the proposed 3.6 mile long, 86 foot tall structure is safe.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to report to the
6 legislature concerning funding and a completion timeline for the Darlington Reservoir
7 project.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation shall provide
9 a written report detailing the completion timeline and funding costs for the Darlington
10 Reservoir project to the chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and
11 Public Works and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
12 Public Works by January 1, 2024.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to provide information concerning the next steps for the Darlington Reservoir project, as well as estimates of costs and funding and a completion date. Requires the DOTD provide a written report detailing the timeline and funding requirements for the Darlington Reservoir project to the chairman of the Senate and House transportation committees by Jan. 1, 2024.