

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

ECONOMIC DEVEL/COMMUNITY: Establishes a task force to study ways to increase the number of retirement communities in Louisiana

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To establish a task force to study and make recommendations on ways to increase the
3 number of retirement communities in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of providing adequate
5 retirement community options for its aging population, retirees, and prospective retirees; and

6 WHEREAS, there is a clear and growing need to expand and diversify retirement
7 community offerings in Louisiana; when adequately supported, these communities promote
8 greater independence and quality of life for aging residents and provide them with the
9 opportunity to contribute to the betterment of their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, a thriving retirement community sector can attract retirees from other
11 states, contributing to Louisiana's economic growth and vitality; the development of
12 retirement community options can also attract investment in the state's real estate market and
13 increase property values; and

14 WHEREAS, the expansion of retirement communities will bring job creation,
15 increased tax revenues, and enhanced local economic development within the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana further recognizes the unique needs of its
17 retirement-aged community and of all retirement-aged Americans, including access to
18 affordable housing, quality healthcare services, social engagement opportunities, and
19 recreational activities that promote physical and mental well-being.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 establish a task force to study and make recommendations on ways to increase the number
3 of retirement communities in Louisiana and make the state a more welcoming place for
4 retirees to live.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall conduct research, gather
6 data, analyze trends, and engage with stakeholders to identify opportunities and challenges
7 in expanding retirement communities in Louisiana.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the
9 following members:

- 10 (1) One representative of AARP Louisiana appointed by its state director.
11 (2) The executive director of the governor's Office of Elderly Affairs or his designee.
12 (3) One member appointed by the president of the Louisiana Home Builders
13 Association.
14 (4) One member appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Commerce from
15 the retirement community.
16 (5) The representative of House District No. 14 or his designee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force shall serve
18 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
19 individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Elderly Affairs shall provide
21 support staff.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
23 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action by the task force shall require
24 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its findings to the
26 Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2025.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that the member appointed from AARP be from Louisiana AARP.
3. Remove the member from the Gardens of Somerset and replace him with a member appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Commerce from the retirement community.