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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

## BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Requests the House and Senate governmental affairs committees to study methods to limit and recover mishandled, misused, and misappropriated public funds

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the
3	Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a
4	joint committee to study possible strategies, methods, and policies to discourage the
5	mishandling, misuse, and misappropriation of public funds and procedures to recover
6	public funds which may have been mishandled, misused, or misappropriated.
7	WHEREAS, on occasion there are published press reports and audit reports that
8	indicate the mishandling, misuse, or misappropriation of public funds by a public official;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, some of these instances may not warrant criminal prosecution; and
11	WHEREAS, aside from voluntary repayment, there is no distinct method to recover
12	those public funds in many instances; and
13	WHEREAS, any effort to deal with the mishandling, misuse, or misappropriation of
14	public funds by a public official involves complex legal and ethical considerations.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	urge and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate
17	Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee
18	to study possible strategies, methods, and policies to discourage the mishandling, misuse,
19	and misappropriation of public funds and procedures to recover public funds which have
20	been mishandled, misused, or misappropriated.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall specifically solicit
- 2 input, recommendations, and advice from the following:
- 3 (1) The legislative auditor.
- 4 (2) The Louisiana District Attorneys Association.
- 5 (3) The Board of Ethics.
- 6 (4) The state inspector general.
- 7 (5) The attorney general.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings to
- 9 the legislature no later than March 1, 2011.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 11 to the legislative auditor, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the Board of Ethics,
- the state inspector general, and the attorney general.

## **DIGEST**

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Requests the House and the Senate governmental affairs committees to meet and function as a joint committee to study possible strategies, methods, and policies to discourage the mishandling, misuse, and misappropriation of public funds and procedures to recover public funds which may have been mishandled, misused, or misappropriated. Specifies that the joint committee solicit input, recommendations, and advice from the legislative auditor, the La. District Attorneys Association, the Board of Ethics, the state inspector general, and the attorney general and report its findings to the legislature no later than March 1, 2011.