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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 227

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A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the legislative fiscal office to determine the cost of all studies requested by the legislature during the 2016-2020 term of the Louisiana House of Representatives and to compare the final version of each fiscal note that was issued by the legislative fiscal office on legislation that is finally adopted or enacted during the 2016-2020 term with the actual costs or revenues resulting from the implementation of the legislation.

WHEREAS, legislators require information to make policy decisions, and special task forces and legislative studies can provide such information; however, creating task forces and requesting legislative studies can become a proxy for actual policymaking; and

WHEREAS, the expense of such task forces and studies may be far greater than the value of the information they produce for policymakers; and

WHEREAS, legislators heavily rely upon the information contained within fiscal notes to make vital policy decisions affecting the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is important for legislators to have information regarding the overall accuracy of the information contained within fiscal notes in order to be able to place the appropriate amount of consideration on information contained within fiscal notes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the legislative fiscal office to determine the cost of all studies requested by the legislature during the 2016-2020 term of the Louisiana House of Representatives and to compare the final version of each fiscal note that was issued by the legislative fiscal office on legislation that is finally adopted or enacted during the 2016-2020 term with the actual costs or revenues resulting from the implementation of the legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative fiscal office shall report its determination of the cost of studies and its comparison of fiscal notes with actual costs or revenues to each member of the House of Representatives by March 1, 2020.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES