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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 2

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ANIMALS/HORSES: Requests the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to various horse organizations

A STUDY REQUEST

2	To the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to
3	various horse organizations and to report its findings to the House of Representatives
4	prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, the horse racing industry has a long and storied tradition in the state of
6	Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, horse racing has a profound economic impact through tourism,
8	wagering, and employment; and
9	WHEREAS, wagering on horse races at the race tracks and off-track wagering
10	parlors has helped the development of the business of horse racing as well as created revenue
11	for the state; and
12	WHEREAS, recently, the amount of revenue grew substantially with the
13	implementation of provisions allowing for slot machines at the various race tracks and off-
14	track wagering parlors; and
15	WHEREAS, organizations and associations have been formed to institute and
16	maintain programs to encourage and permit development of the business of horse racing; and
17	WHEREAS, certain percentages of revenues from wagering on horse racing and
18	from slot machines at the various race tracks and off-track wagering parlors are used to fund
19	these organizations and associations; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout the state in these tough economic times, many high schools 2 are struggling to maintain agricultural programs that encourage educating students regarding 3 horses; and 4 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study whether part of the revenue generated 5 from wagering and slot machines could be used to help maintain these agricultural programs. 6 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests 7 the House Committee on Commerce to study the allocation of gaming proceeds to various 8 horse organizations and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the 9 convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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