

SENATE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 2

BY SENATOR BROWN

A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

To request the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study the practicality, feasibility, and development, as well as to evaluate, analyze, and review all aspects of an additional bridge crossing the Mississippi River located between West Baton Rouge and Ascension parishes.

WHEREAS, the development, improvement, expansion, and maintenance of a new bridge crossing the Mississippi River could lead to growth and economic development in Iberville and West Baton Rouge parishes, relieve traffic congestion, provide for the ability of business and industry to compete cost effectively on a regional, national, and global scale, provide a high quality of life for parish residents and the people of this state, and provide a compelling alternative to long-term attempts to develop a bypass around Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, public revenue, including federal funds, has not kept pace with the area's growing transportation system needs and alternative and innovative funding sources, including but not limited to tolls or public-private partnerships to supplement public revenue sources, must be considered to assist in financing a new bridge.

THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to meet and function as a joint committee to study the practicality, feasibility, and development, as well as to evaluate, analyze, and review all aspects, of an additional bridge crossing the Mississippi River located between West Baton Rouge and Ascension parishes.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE