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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 236

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FUNDS/FUNDING: Authorizes incorporation of certain monies from the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize the Revenue Estimating Conference to incorporate certain monies available for
3 appropriation from the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for Fiscal
4 Year 2009-2010.

5 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is experiencing a severe financial crisis due to the
6 economic downturn and recession occurring within the United States, as well as significant
7 declines in the price of oil and natural gas and the leveling off of the post-Katrina boom; and

8 WHEREAS, economic conditions have resulted in the state receiving significantly
9 lower revenues, and there have been corresponding decreases in the official forecasts of the
10 Revenue Estimating Conference; and

11 WHEREAS, the lower revenues of state government created a mid-year deficit of
12 \$341,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and now require significant reductions in the Fiscal
13 Year 2009-2010 budget, which reductions are falling heavily on higher education and health
14 care; and

15 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10.3 of the Constitution of Louisiana establishes
16 the Budget Stabilization Fund in the state treasury and in Subparagraph (C)(1) thereof
17 provides that if the official forecast of recurring money for the next fiscal year is less than
18 the official forecast of recurring money for the current fiscal year, the difference, not to

1 exceed one-third of the fund, shall be incorporated into the next year's official forecast only
2 after the consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature; and

3 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10.3(C)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana
4 provides that in no event shall the amount included in the official forecast for the next fiscal
5 year plus the amount appropriated in the current fiscal year exceed one-third of the fund
6 balance at the beginning of the current fiscal year; and

7 WHEREAS, at the May 21, 2009, meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference
8 the official forecast of recurring money for the current fiscal year, namely, Fiscal Year 2008-
9 2009, adopted by the conference was \$11,145,100,000 of which \$9,361,400,000 is state
10 general fund; and

11 WHEREAS, at the May 21, 2009, meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference
12 the official forecast of recurring money for the next fiscal year, namely, Fiscal Year 2009-
13 2010, adopted by the conference was \$9,844,700,000 of which \$8,059,900,000 is state
14 general fund; and

15 WHEREAS, the official forecast of recurring money for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is
16 \$1,300,400,000 less than the official forecast of recurring money for Fiscal Year 2008-2009,
17 with the official forecast reducing state general fund revenues by \$1,301,500,000; and

18 WHEREAS, no monies were appropriated out of the Budget Stabilization Fund in
19 the current fiscal year; and

20 WHEREAS, the balance in the Budget Stabilization Fund as of July 1, 2008, was
21 certified to be \$775,593,291.05 with one-third to be \$258,531,097.02; and

22 WHEREAS, one-third of the amount which may be included in the official forecast
23 for the next fiscal year amounts to \$86,177,032.33.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 consent to and authorize the Revenue Estimating Conference to incorporate \$86,177,032.33
26 of the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare
28 its intention to use the funds made available for appropriation as a result of the incorporation
29 of a portion of the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for Fiscal Year 2009-
30 2010.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 declare its intention that any portion of the Budget Stabilization Fund made available for
3 appropriation pursuant to this Concurrent Resolution shall not be available for appropriation
4 for member amendments.

DIGEST

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Authorizes the Revenue Estimating Conference to incorporate \$86,177,032.33 of the certified balance of the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for FY 2009-2010 so that such monies will be available for appropriation.

Declares intention to use the funds made available for appropriation as a result of the incorporation of a portion of the Budget Stabilization Fund into the official forecast for FY 2009-2010.

Declares intention that any portion of the Budget Stabilization Fund made available by the concurrent resolution shall not be available for appropriation for member amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the original concurrent resolution.

1. Adds language declaring intent that money authorized for appropriation from the Budget Stabilization Fund shall not be available for member amendments.