

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY SENATOR MURRAY

RECOVERY AUTHORITY. Approves an action plan amendment proposed by the LRA for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve a proposed amendment, Action Plan Amendment Number 33(First Allocation), to the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds proposed by the Louisiana Recovery Authority and approved by the governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program; and to provide for other matters pertaining thereto.

WHEREAS, Act No. 5 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006, hereinafter "Act No. 5," created the Louisiana Recovery Authority as a state agency within the office of the governor, as was formerly established by Executive Order No. 63 of 2005, to assist with state activities related to recommendations and coordination of state and other entities' efforts, programs, and funding with respect to recovery from the effects of hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 5 provides for the powers and duties of the Louisiana Recovery Authority relative to the recovery from such hurricanes, including the recommendation and promotion of priorities and plans for the recovery, identification of funding sources and innovative financing alternatives to fund the recovery, recommendations regarding how monies received by the state for the recovery shall be utilized, recommendation of recovery-

1 related policy for all agencies of the state, coordination with local governments and
2 metropolitan planning commissions to develop community-driven local and regional plans
3 for recovery, and reporting to the governor and the legislature no less than quarterly on the
4 progress of the recovery; and

5 WHEREAS, Act No. 5 provides that the Louisiana Recovery Authority shall develop
6 proposals related to the recovery, including Community Development Block Grant
7 proposals, Action Plans, Partial Action Plans, amendments to Action Plans or Partial Action
8 Plans, or any other method utilized for the allocation of dollars for the use of Community
9 Development Block Grants, hereinafter "CDBG," or other funds provided for the recovery,
10 hereinafter the "proposal"; and

11 WHEREAS, Act No. 5 further provides that after a proposal is developed and
12 approved by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the proposal is to be sent to the governor for
13 approval, and if approved by the governor, the proposal shall then be submitted to the Joint
14 Legislative Committee on the Budget for approval. Upon receiving the required legislative
15 approval, the proposal shall then be submitted by the governor to the United States
16 Department of Housing and Urban Development or other appropriate federal agency. The
17 approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget is also required for the
18 incorporation of any monies associated with such a proposal into the budget; and

19 WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 5, Action Plan Amendment Number 33(First
20 Allocation) has been submitted for review to the appropriate oversight committees of the
21 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

22 WHEREAS, Act No. 5 further requires that proposals related to the recovery which
23 provide for expenditures of ten million dollars or more which are approved by the Joint
24 Legislative Committee on the Budget shall be submitted for approval of a majority of the
25 elected members of each house of the legislature, which shall be by resolution or act if the
26 legislature is in session; and

27 WHEREAS, hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the parishes of Louisiana and
28 created long-lasting problems including, but not limited to, the economy, environment,
29 housing stock, public safety, education, health care, and transportation; and

30 WHEREAS, prioritization of projects that drive local recovery must ultimately come

1 from local communities; and

2 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recovery Authority has approved Action Plan
3 Amendment Number 33(First Allocation) in the amount of twenty million dollars of funding
4 for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program; and

5 WHEREAS, the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program will provide direct assistance
6 to homeowners impacted by the hurricanes; thereby, allowing them to return to their
7 communities and end months and/or years of displacement; and

8 WHEREAS, on June 23, 2009, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
9 approved Action Plan Amendment Number 33(First Allocation), proposed by the Louisiana
10 Recovery Authority and approved and submitted by the governor.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 approve the proposed amendment to the Action Plan (Amendment Number 33-First
13 Allocation) for Fiscal Year 2006 CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds proposed by the Louisiana
14 Recovery Authority, approved and submitted by the governor, and approved by the Joint
15 Legislative Committee on the Budget, which amendment provides twenty million dollars of
16 CDBG funds for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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SCR No.

Act No. 5 of the 2006 1st E.S., which created the Louisiana Recovery Authority, provides a procedure for the review and approval of proposals for the allocation of dollars for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or other funds provided for the recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Approves a proposed amendment (Action Plan Amendment No. 33-First Allocation) of \$20 million for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program.