

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3071: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as
7 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
8 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1
9 Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated to the
10 Mississippi Development Authority. These funds are provided for
11 projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of
12 1972, for assistance to local units of government, nongovernmental
13 organizations, institutions of higher learning, community
14 colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private
15 for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic
16 development entities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026,
17 and ending June 30, 2027.....\$ 41,092,000.00.

18 (a) To assist the City of Moss Point with
19 the Highway 63/Escatawpa Natural Gas Pipeline



20	Installation.....	\$	2,800,000.00
21	(b) To assist the Pearl River County Board		
22	of Supervisors with the Pearl River County		
23	Industrial Park Speculative Building.....	\$	4,000,000.00
24	(c) To assist the City of Diamondhead		
25	with the Commercial District Transformation		
26	Phase IV.....	\$	2,000,000.00
27	(d) To assist the City of Ocean Springs		
28	with Public Works Redevelopment and Relocation		
29	Phase I and II.....	\$	1,500,000.00
30	(e) To assist the City of Lucedale with		
31	Cowart Street Improvements.....	\$	1,764,000.00
32	(f) To assist the George County Board of		
33	Supervisors with the Industrial Park Water		
34	System Expansion Project.....	\$	1,029,000.00
35	(g) To assist the LaPointe-Krebs Foundation		
36	with the development of a new LaPointe-Krebs		
37	Interpretive Center.....	\$	900,000.00
38	(h) To assist the Lucedale-George County		
39	Historical Society with the Lucedale-George		
40	County History Museum.....	\$	150,000.00
41	(i) To assist the Mississippi Gulf Coast		
42	Coliseum with the Coliseum Expansion.....	\$	5,476,000.00
43	(j) To assist Jackson County Economic		
44	Development Foundation for the Bollinger		



45	Shipyards with Bollinger Mississippi		
46	Shipbuilding Bulkhead Rehabilitation.....	\$	5,000,000.00
47	(k) To assist the Memorial Hospital		
48	Foundation with Memorial Multispecialty		
49	Center Construction.....	\$	3,000,000.00
50	(l) To assist the Stone County Board		
51	of Supervisors with the Inda Industrial Park		
52	Land/Sewer Project.....	\$	2,548,000.00
53	(m) To assist the City of Waveland with		
54	Waterfront Improvements.....	\$	750,000.00
55	(n) To assist the Harrison County Sheriff's		
56	Department with Law Enforcement Training Academy		
57	Improvements Phase II.....	\$	3,500,000.00
58	(o) To assist the Singing River Health		
59	System with Healthcare Academy Expansion		
60	Initiative Phase II.....	\$	675,000.00
61	(p) To assist Long Beach Harbor with Long		
62	Beach Harbor Complex Restoration.....	\$	1,500,000.00
63	(q) To assist Hancock County Port and		
64	Harbor Commission with Stennis International		
65	Airport Site 1 Hangar Development.....	\$	2,000,000.00
66	(r) To assist William Carey University with		
67	Tradition Campus Student Housing.....	\$	1,500,000.00
68	(s) To assist the Mississippi Songwriters		
69	Alliance with the design of Exhibits and		



70 Improvements to the Mississippi Songwriters
71 Performing Arts Center.....\$ 1,000,000.00

72 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
73 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
74 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi
75 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
76 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in
77 Senate Bill No. 2047, 2025 First Extraordinary Session, for the
78 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
79\$ 30,898,945.00.

80 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
81 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
82 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
83 remaining as of June 30, 2026, from the amount authorized for the
84 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
85 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

86 Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following
87 sums are provided for projects:

88 (a) To assist the City of Diamondhead with a
89 Commercial District Transformation Project.....\$ 1,479,246.00

90 (b) To assist the City of Moss Point with
91 the Moss Point-Point of Connection Road.....\$ 200,000.00

92 (c) To assist the City of Long Beach with
93 the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration.....\$ 3,500,000.00

94 (d) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment



95 Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line
 96 Development Plan.....\$ 1,500,000.00
 97 (e) To assist the Pearl River County Board of
 98 Supervisors with the Pearl River County Industrial
 99 Park Infrastructure and Site Development.....\$ 1,091,552.00
 100 (f) To assist the Hancock County Port and
 101 Harbor Commission with the Technology Park and Site
 102 Development at Stennis Airport Phase.....\$ 1,633,756.00
 103 (g) To assist Mississippi State University
 104 Research and Technology Corporation with Continued
 105 Development of the Mississippi Cyber Center
 106 Project.....\$ 912,165.00
 107 (h) To assist the City of Gulfport with the
 108 Daniel Boulevard Extension and Connector Road
 109 between Highway 49 and Canal Road.....\$ 4,600,000.00
 110 (i) To assist the City of Lucedale with
 111 the Lucedale Municipal Park Stage.....\$ 191,769.00
 112 (j) To assist the City of Moss Point with
 113 the Highway 63/Escatawpa Natural Gas Pipeline
 114 Installation.....\$ 1,750,000.00
 115 (k) To assist the Moss Point Redevelopment
 116 Authority with the Moss Point Downtown
 117 Revitalization.....\$ 930,500.00
 118 (l) To assist the George County Board of
 119 Supervisors with a Grain Elevator/River Road



120 Rehabilitation.....\$ 27,019.00

121 (m) To assist the Jackson County Economic

122 Development Foundation with the Sunplex Light

123 Industrial Park Site Improvements and Trent Lott

124 Airport.....\$ 2,000,000.00

125 (n) To assist the Pearl River County Board

126 of Supervisors with the Pearl River County

127 Technology Park Phase I and Site Development.....\$ 1,581,664.00

128 (o) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis

129 with a Downtown ADA Boardwalk.....\$ 1,357,438.00

130 (p) To assist the City of Ocean Springs

131 with Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center

132 Renovations and Signage.....\$ 700,000.00

133 (q) To assist the Gulf Hills Resort with the

134 Development of 2,000 feet of Blueway Waterfront

135 with Public Marina Access.....\$ 156,032.00

136 (r) To assist the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of

137 Arts with Completion of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum

138 Campus.....\$ 204,002.00

139 (s) To assist the University of Southern

140 Mississippi with the USM Visualization and

141 Digital Multimedia Center of Excellence.....\$ 1,483,802.00

142 (t) To assist Pinchers Seafood with a

143 Working Waterfront.....\$ 3,600,000.00

144 (u) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with



145 Public Works Redevelopment and Relocation.....\$ 2,000,000.00

146 **SECTION 3.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
147 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
148 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi
149 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
150 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in
151 Senate Bill No. 2047, 2025 First Extraordinary Session, for the
152 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
153\$ 23,552,981.00.

154 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
155 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
156 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
157 remaining as of June 30, 2026, from the amount authorized for the
158 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
159 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.
160 Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are
161 provided for projects:

162 (a) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment
163 Commission for the completion of the second and
164 final phase of a mixed-use, downtown redevelopment
165 project, including public use components, so as
166 to leverage public and private investment.....\$ 8,000,000.00

167 (b) To assist the City of Pass Christian
168 with the Water Front Redevelopment Plan.....\$ 2,375,293.00

169 (c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment



170 Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line
 171 Development Plan.....\$ 617,058.00
 172 (d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the
 173 Popp's Ferry Extension Project.....\$ 2,039,952.00
 174 (e) To assist the City of Waveland with
 175 the Waveland Marina Phase I.....\$ 2,000,000.00
 176 (f) To assist the Ocean Springs
 177 Redevelopment Authority or the City of Ocean
 178 Springs with Projects.....\$ 2,000,000.00
 179 (g) To assist the City of Moss Point with
 180 Moss Point's Magnificent Mile 2.0.....\$ 2,000,000.00
 181 (h) To assist the City of Long Beach with
 182 the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration.....\$ 1,000,000.00
 183 (i) To assist the Ocean Springs Collective
 184 with Ocean Springs Collective Projects.....\$ 20,678.00
 185 (j) To assist the Mississippi Export
 186 Railroad with Mississippi Export Projects.....\$ 3,500,000.00
 187 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 188 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
 189 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi
 190 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
 191 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in
 192 Senate Bill No. 2047, 2025 First Extraordinary Session, for the
 193 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
 194\$ 24,656,979.00.



195 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
196 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
197 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
198 remaining as of June 30, 2026, from the amount authorized for the
199 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
200 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

201 Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following
202 sums are provided for projects:

203 (a) To assist the Mississippi State
204 University Research and Technology Corporation
205 with the design and construction of the
206 Mississippi Cyber Center.....\$ 10,678,017.00

207 (b) To assist the University of Southern
208 Mississippi Ocean Enterprise.....\$ 3,406,543.00

209 (c) To assist the Stone County Board of
210 Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill
211 road, rail and bypass.....\$ 2,420,723.00

212 (d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment
213 Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase
214 project of downtown redevelopment to be used on
215 a public use project so as to leverage public
216 and private investment.....\$ 2,500,000.00

217 (e) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
218 with downtown revitalization project.....\$ 1,879,495.00

219 (f) To assist the City of Gulfport with



220 flood control and/or drainage for the
 221 Forest Heights Project.....\$ 1,092,110.00
 222 (g) To assist the City of Moss Point with
 223 the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and
 224 South.....\$ 1,752,394.00
 225 (h) To assist Pearl River Community College
 226 PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy.....\$ 42,232.00
 227 (i) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
 228 with the Court Street Parking facility, expansion
 229 and improvements.....\$ 13,208.00
 230 (j) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum
 231 with Phase 3 and Phase 4.....\$ 565,650.00
 232 (k) To assist the City of Lucedale with
 233 Ventura Drive Improvements.....\$ 306,607.00

234 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
 235 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
 236 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi
 237 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
 238 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in
 239 Senate Bill No. 2047, 2025 First Extraordinary Session, for the
 240 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
 241\$ 12,300,072.00.

242 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
 243 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
 244 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds



245 remaining as of June 30, 2026, from the amount authorized for the
246 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
247 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.
248 Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums
249 are provided for projects recommended by the department and
250 projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9,
251 Mississippi Code of 1972:

252 (a) To assist the University of Southern
253 Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Phase I.....\$ 1,444,556.00

254 (b) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum
255 Creative Complex Phase I and begin Phase II.....\$ 366,299.00

256 Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following
257 sums are provided for projects that meet the criteria outlined in
258 Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

259 (a) To assist the Port of Pascagoula with
260 the North Rail Connector.....\$ 6,600,000.00

261 (b) To assist the Institute for Marine
262 Mammal Studies with Educational Classrooms and
263 Dorms.....\$ 2,990,575.00

264 (c) To assist the City of Long Beach
265 with development and revitalization.....\$ 410,731.00

266 (d) To assist the City of Long Beach
267 with the Quarles House.....\$ 386,969.00

268 (e) To assist George County with the
269 Mississippi Export Railroad for the Enviva



270 Project.....\$ 100,942.00

271 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
272 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast
273 Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi
274 Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the
275 expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in
276 Senate Bill No. 2047, 2025 First Extraordinary Session, for the
277 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.....
278\$ 3,500,000.00.

279 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
280 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
281 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
282 remaining as of June 30, 2026, from the amount authorized for the
283 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
284 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

285 Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following
286 sums are provided for the following programs:

287 (a) For the Mississippi Development Authority
288 and the Air Service Development Incentive
289 Program for the Gulfport/Biloxi International
290 Airport.....\$ 2,500,000.00

291 (b) For the Mississippi Development
292 Authority and the Quality of Place Incentives
293 Program.....\$ 1,000,000.00



294 **SECTION 7.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
295 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
296 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
297 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
298 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
299 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

300 **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
301 and after July 1, 2026.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AND A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE
2 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND REAUTHORIZE THE
3 EXPENDITURE OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS PREVIOUSLY
4 APPROPRIATED FOR PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)
Hopson

X (SIGNED)
Blackwell

X (SIGNED)
Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Mims

X (SIGNED)
Cockerham

X (SIGNED)
Barton

