Present law provides for the powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Economic Development.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that during the public health emergency declared in Proclamation 25 JBE 2020, and any extension thereof, in addition to any other powers specifically authorized, the secretary of the department may, by emergency rule issued in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, waive, suspend, or delay any deadline associated with any statute it is the duty of the department to administer or enforce with respect to any program administered by the department, if he reasonably deems that meeting such deadlines is impossible or impractical as a result of conditions created during this declared state of emergency.

Proposed law provides that the deadline for any report due by the department to the legislature are hereby extended to September 30, 2020.

Proposed law provides that the authority granted to the secretary pursuant to the provisions of proposed law shall cease when this gubernatorial proclamation of public health emergency expires, except any deadline waived, suspended, or delayed may extend beyond the expiration of the proclamation.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 36:104.2)