

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 84****2020 Second Extraordinary Session****Edmonds**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to the expenditure of federal funds received as a result of a disaster or emergency (Item #27)

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Exempts federal funds received due to COVID-19 or a federally declared health related emergency from proposed law.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law prohibits any state agency from expending federal funds without a specific appropriation made by the legislature.

Present law authorizes the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to approve the expenditure of new or additional federal funds that were not available when the legislature was in session.

Proposed law allows the expenditure of federal funds received due to a federally declared disaster or emergency, other than COVID-19 or other federally declared health related emergency, prior to approval by JLCB if the secretary requesting to expend the funds certifies in writing to the governor and JLCB that any delay would be detrimental to the state and JLCB is unable to meet.

Proposed law further adds a requirement for JLCB to consider the expenditures at its next meeting following notification of the secretary's certification and prohibits any new or additional federal funds from being expended by any agency for the same disaster or emergency unless approved by the committee or appropriated by the legislature prior to expenditure.

(Amends R.S. 39:134(C))