

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

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PROCUREMENT: Urges and requests the governor to modify small purchase procedures through an executive order

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the governor to issue an executive order in accordance with R.S.  
3 39:1596 to provide greater opportunities for small, local, and diverse businesses to  
4 compete for the state's small purchase procurement needs.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Procurement Code authorizes the governor to establish  
6 procedures for the procurement of small purchases; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature created the Louisiana Initiative for Small  
8 Entrepreneurships, also known as the Hudson Initiative, and the Louisiana Initiative for  
9 Veteran and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships, also  
10 known as the Veteran Initiative, to facilitate the growth and stability of Louisiana's economy  
11 by fostering utilization by state interests of the business offerings available for state  
12 procurement and public contracts from Louisiana's small entrepreneurships and veteran and  
13 service-connected disabled veteran-owned small entrepreneurships; and

14 WHEREAS, given the magnitude of the state's procurement and public contracting  
15 activity, state government is uniquely situated to create an environment where small  
16 entrepreneurships have an opportunity to thrive and ultimately enhance the stability of  
17 Louisiana's economy; and

18 WHEREAS, the governor issued Executive Order Number JBE 2017-18, relative to  
19 small purchase procedures, that included waivers for the requirement that agencies solicit  
20 a certain number of quotations if making purchases from a business certified in accordance  
21 with the Hudson Initiative and the Veteran Initiative; and

1           WHEREAS, increasing the maximum amount of small purchases that qualify for this  
2 waiver would improve competitiveness for small, rural, minority, female, and veteran  
3 enterprises that wish to conduct business with the state.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor to issue an executive  
6 order in accordance with R.S. 39:1596 to provide greater opportunities for small, local, and  
7 diverse businesses to compete for the state's small purchase procurement needs.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature  
9 of Louisiana further requests that the executive order contain the following changes to  
10 Executive Order Number JBE 2017-18:

11           (1) An increase in the defined maximum value of "small purchases" from twenty-  
12 five thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars.

13           (2) An increase in the micro-purchase threshold from five thousand dollars to ten  
14 thousand dollars.

15           (3) An increase in the intermediate tier from fifteen thousand dollars to twenty  
16 thousand dollars.

17           (4) An increase in the exemption for purchases made from Hudson and Veterans  
18 Initiative-certified entrepreneurship from fifteen thousand to thirty thousand.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
20 to the governor.

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#### DIGEST

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