

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SCR 47 By Senator Heitmeier**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT: Creates Task Force on the Crescent City Connection to analyze transition to a toll-free bridge, law enforcement ferry services, and all components and management of the operation of the Crescent City Connection Division of the Department of Transportation and Development.

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Changes size of task force from 11 members to 10 members, allowing members from Greater New Orleans, Inc., Jefferson Business Council and the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce.
2. Changes report due date from March 1, 2012, to February 1, 2012.
3. Deletes provision that task force shall terminate after submission of the report.
4. Adds that report shall be submitted to Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.
5. Adds that no member of the task force shall serve on any board or commission that receives or disburses state funds.
6. Adds that task force shall be subject to open meetings law.
7. Adds that task force members shall be subject to disclosure requirements of R.S. 24:1124.2.1.
8. Deletes that analysis will be for re-authorization of tolls and adds analysis for the transition to a toll-free bridge and law enforcement ferry services.
9. Deletes that task force review shall include need for a well-trained professional police force and adds that review shall include efficient traffic control on bridge.
10. Makes changes to groupings of civic and business organizations that submit names to the governor for membership selection.
11. Adds that persons whose names are submitted must reside in the parish in which the nominating organization or groups are located, except for members submitted by the West Jefferson Civic Association, the Terry Town Civic Association, and the West Bank Redevelopment Corporation.
12. Creates an advisory panel to the task force to be made up 5 people including the following: one member representing maritime interests of the Port of New Orleans, Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District, and the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District; one member representing a professional engineer from names submitted by the Regional Planning Commission; one member representing law enforcement from the Louisiana State Police, New Orleans Police Department, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's office, the Gretna Police Department, the Westwego Police Department, and the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's office; and one member representing the Jefferson Economic Development Commission.
13. Requires the governor to select one member from each set of names submitted to serve on the task force and advisory panel rather than selecting a certain number of persons to serve.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Creates the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection of ten members and the Crescent City Connection Advisory Panel of five members, all appointed by the governor, to analyze the transition to a toll-free bridge, law enforcement ferry services, and all components and management of the operation of the Crescent City Connection Division of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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