

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 126 By Senator Murray**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Provides relative to the utilization of design-build contracts by public entities under certain circumstances.(7/1/12)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Adds New Orleans School Board to list of entities that may use design-build method to contract for the construction or repair of any public building or structure which was destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, or both, or any public building or structure to be constructed or repaired to meet a homeland security or criminal justice need pursuant to a hurricane recovery plan.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Present law authorizes the following public entities to utilize the design-build method to contract for the construction or repair of any public building or structure which was destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, or both, or any public building or structure to be constructed or repaired to meet a homeland security or criminal justice need pursuant to a hurricane recovery plan: the division of administration, the Recovery School District, the city of New Orleans, sheriffs, housing authorities, and parish governments in Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Vermilion, and the Port of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the New Orleans School Board.

Present law provides that such authority to utilize the design-build contracts extends for five years from July 10, 2007, after which time only those projects that were contracted for prior to such termination date may proceed.

Proposed law extends the length of time for such design-build contracts from five years to six years or until July 10, 2013.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 38:2225.2.1(A)(1) and (3))

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