

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 384 by Senator Harris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 17, and insert:

"according to the latest federal decennial census is authorized to enact a resolution designating the parish as a Pilot Innovation Hub.

B. The Pilot Innovation Hub designation shall permit the validation and implementation of innovative technologies to address public challenges, stimulate local economic activity, and create job opportunities. Local business growth and technology commercialization is hereby recognized as a key component to efficiently and safely address public challenges, an essential factor in economic development, and a primary contributor to an all-of-government approach to driving state economic competitiveness."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Delete page 2 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert:

"C.(1) Any political subdivision within the jurisdiction designated as a Pilot Innovation Hub may do all of the following:

(a) Establish reasonable procedures governing the competitive selection of the pilot innovation contractor.

(b) Enter into a contractual agreement with the pilot innovation contractor for the purposes of directly managing the programming.

(c) Use public property and resources and align procedures including permitting and zoning, to implement programming.

(2) Pilot innovation contractors, when and if authorized by a political subdivision with a Pilot Innovation Hub shall do all of the following:

(a) Establish reasonable procedures governing the competitive selection and vetting of program participants.

(b) Develop and implement programming.

(c) Define benchmarks and deployment metrics.

(d) Implement programming in a manner that does not adversely impact the political subdivision or the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the parish.

D. Successful completion of programming shall be demonstrated by a comprehensive pilot report, compiled by the Pilot innovation contractor and delivered to the parish governing authority or political subdivision. The comprehensive pilot report shall:

(1) Provide performance data, roadmap for scaled deployment including integration requirements, and regulatory considerations.

(2) Demonstrate that usage of technology delivers a valid, useful public purpose and address the goals outlined in the agreement."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 10, after "completion of" delete "a program" and insert "programming"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 11, after "governing authority" delete "shall" and insert "or political authority may"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 5

2 On page 3, delete lines 16 through 18, and insert:

3 **"E. For the purposes of this Section:**

4 **(1) "Programming" means any activities related to the piloting and**  
5 **validation of technologies intended to address public challenges located within**  
6 **the jurisdictional boundaries of the Pilot Innovation Hub, including but not**  
7 **limited to flooding, water management, subsidence, infrastructure challenges,**  
8 **energy and grid resilience, maritime logistics, coastal restoration, and other**  
9 **issues of significant public concern within the Pilot Innovation Hub.**

10 **(2) "Pilot innovation contractor" means an established business, non-**  
11 **governmental organization, or venture platform with demonstrated experience**  
12 **in developing and managing pilot designed programs to validate start-up**  
13 **technologies."**