

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR: Authorizes and directs the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to evaluate public bid law, parish or municipal infrastructure project delivery, and legislative proposals to improve efficiency and timeliness in infrastructure project delivery

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana legislative auditor to evaluate public bid law; to
3 evaluate parish or municipal infrastructure project delivery; to obtain and evaluate
4 any legislative proposals to improve efficiency and timeliness in infrastructure
5 project delivery; to use contract limits for public works projects and purchase orders,
6 procedural contract approval dates, and any relevant policies that assist in the
7 efficiency and timeliness of project deliveries for these evaluations.

8 WHEREAS, infrastructure development serves as an economic and business
9 development tool for municipalities and parishes; and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 188 of the 2019 Regular Session established the
11 Public Works Contract Task Force (Task Force) to study the feasibility of increasing the
12 contract limit applicable to public works contracts; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2020 the Task Force recommended the legislature raise the contract
14 limit for all public works contracts from one hundred fifty thousand dollars to two hundred
15 fifty thousand dollars; and

16 WHEREAS, Act No. 111 of the 2020 Regular Session provided for this increase in
17 public works contract limits; and

18 WHEREAS, this reform to public bid law was unanimously supported by both the
19 Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, Act No. 761 of the 2024 Regular Session provided that limitations on
2 contracts for the preparation of Super Bowl LIX be raised from five thousand dollars to one
3 hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Governmental Research, more than five
5 hundred local infrastructure improvements and repairs were completed prior to the Super
6 Bowl LIX including but not limited to interstate lighting, roadway rehabilitation, sidewalk
7 repairs, and beautification improvements; and

8 WHEREAS, the cost of these projects and repairs was over seventy million dollars;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, officials representing the Department of Public Works in Jefferson and
11 Orleans Parishes have expressed the need for further and permanent public bid reforms to
12 increase project delivery efficiency; and

13 WHEREAS, public bid reform can benefit project delivery across the state, most
14 prominently in high population parishes and metropolitan statistical areas.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 authorize and direct the Louisiana legislative auditor to evaluate following:

17 (1) The current public bid law by reviewing contract limits for public works projects
18 and purchase orders.

19 (2) The municipal or parish infrastructure project delivery by reviewing contract
20 limits for public works and purchase orders.

21 (3) Any legislative proposals to improve efficiency and timeliness in project
22 delivery.

23 (4) Current procedural contract approval dates.

24 (5) Any relevant policies regarding delivery of projects at the municipal or parish
25 level.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana legislative auditor shall develop
27 recommendations to collaborate with the following individuals:

28 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public
29 Works or his designee.

1 (2) The public works directors for St. Tammany Parish, Jefferson Parish, East Baton
2 Rouge Parish, Ascension Parish or their designees.

3 (3) The deputy chief administrative officer for infrastructure of the city of New
4 Orleans or his designee.

5 (4) The director of traffic, roads, and bridges of the Lafayette consolidated
6 government or his designee.

7 (5) The city of Shreveport's city attorney or his designee.

8 (6) The director of the office of facility planning and control within the division of
9 administration or his designee.

10 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana Associated General Contractors or his
11 designee.

12 (8) The executive director of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Louisiana
13 or his designee.

14 (9) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his
15 designee.

16 (10) The executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall submit
18 a written report detailing its findings and recommendations to the House transportation
19 committee by January 31, 2026.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 governor's office, the deputy commissioner of the Division of Administration, and the
22 director of the office of facility planning and control in the Division of Administration.

DIGEST

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individuals to complete these evaluations. Requires the La. legislative auditor to submit a written report to the House transportation committee prior to Jan. 31, 2026.