

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 690

2025 Regular Session

Owen

June 12, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 690 by Representative Owen, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1.
- That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#2834) be adopted.
2.
- That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Fesi (#3123) be adopted.
3.
- That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Fesi (#3063) be adopted.
4.
- That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Luneau (#2961) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

<div>Representative Charles Anthony Owen</div>	<div>Senator Heather Miley Cloud</div>
<div>Representative Dustin Miller</div>	<div>Senator Michael "Big Mike" Fesi</div>
<div>Representative Raymond J. Crews</div>	<div>Senator Patrick McMath</div>

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

PUBLIC HEALTH: Directs the Surgeon General to draft and promulgate rules for the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for all members of the healthcare community in Louisiana

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Require the surgeon general to coordinate with certain agencies and organizations during the development of his rules.
2. Provides that the rules promulgated by the surgeon general shall promote access to EUA-authorized products and protections across all segments of the population, with specific attention to underserved and rural communities.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Change the language to require "protocols" instead of "rules".

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law provides for the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) as authorized by federal law but does not specify state-level rules for the healthcare community in Louisiana.

Proposed law requires the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of EUA-related medical activities by all members of the healthcare community, including hospitals, public and private clinics, pharmacies, nursing homes, and other entities involved in healthcare activities where EUA may apply.

Proposed law specifies that these rules shall apply during health emergencies and under the regular order of business for the medical community, covering procedures for safe administration, informed consent, adverse event reporting, training, equitable access, transparency, and compliance.

Proposed law requires the surgeon general to coordinate with specific agencies and organizations during the development of the rules.

Proposed law specifies that the surgeon general shall begin the rulemaking process as required by proposed law no later than six months after the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.13)