

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law specified that in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to by a public entity, notice of the public emergency must have been made within 10 days of being published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such emergency.

New law removes the 10-day time period in prior law for declaring emergency repairs.

Existing law specifies that any repairs, renovations, or constructions undertaken by an agency within the existing law will not be included in the capital outlay budget, provided that the project does not exceed \$250,000, with the exception of state colleges, universities, higher education facilities, or consortiums.

New law modifies existing law to include any repairs, renovations, or constructions of buildings or other facilities undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism as an exception.

New law provides that minor repairs, renovations, or construction of buildings or other facilities or the purchase of land, buildings, or other facilities undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism will not be included in the capital outlay budget if the construction cost or purchase price is less than or equal to \$1,000,000. Further requires that the construction cost or purchase price be adjusted annually based on the CPI-U as published every Jan. Requires that this determination will be subject to the approval of the lieutenant governor. Specifies that the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism may not incur debt to fund any project that is not included in the capital outlay budget other than a short-term loan, which must not exceed one year. Further specifies that any short-term loans must be consistent with existing law and will not constitute or create any debt, liability, or loan of the credit or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the state. Further specifies that any short-term loans will be the sole obligation of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Specifies that the provisions of new law increasing the contract limit constitute a Pilot Program that terminates on Aug. 1, 2029. Further requires that the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism produce a report regarding projects under the new contract limit and submit it to the House and Senate transportation committees by Aug. 1st of each year.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) and R.S. 39:128(C); Adds R.S. 39:128(F))