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Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of any parish having a population of more than 350,000 and less than 410,000 persons, to designate the parish as a Pilot Innovation Hub.

Proposed law provides that the Pilot Innovation Hub is to permit the validation of innovation technologies to address public challenges and to support business growth, technology commercialization, and state economic competitiveness.

Proposed law authorizes the Pilot Innovation Hub, to validate innovation addressing public challenges, enter into memoranda of understanding with an anchor organization to support start-up businesses, and utilize public property for product testing.

Proposed law provides requirements for successful completion of the pilot program.

Proposed law provides that upon successful completion of the pilot program through the Pilot Innovation Hub, the parish governing authority shall award a sole-source contract to the an innovator without competitive bidding, subject to public notice and a 30-day protest period and a requirement that the business maintain dedicated operations in the state.

Proposed law provides that procurement under proposed law shall not include professional services.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 38:2211.3)