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Subject: Creation of Pilot Innovation Hubs in Certain Parishes		

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 Authorizes creation of the Pilot Innovation Hub in certain parishes. (8/1/26)

Proposed law authorizes the parish governing authority of any parish with a population between 350,000 and 410,000 persons to designate the parish as a Pilot Innovation Hub (PIH) to test and validate technologies addressing public challenges. The PIH may establish procedures governing the competitive selection process, enter into a contractual agreement with a pilot innovation contractor, and use public property and resources including permitting and zoning to implement pilot programming. The pilot innovation contractor shall compile and deliver a comprehensive pilot report to the parish governing authority or political subdivision. Upon successful completion of the pilot programming, the parish governing authority or political subdivision may award a sole-source contract to the innovator without competitive bidding, subject to public notice, a 30-day protest period, and a requirement that the business maintain operations in the state.

Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent a local parish governing authority with a population between 350,000 and 410,000 elects to designate itself as a Pilot Innovation Hub, proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures beginning in FY 27. Participating parish governments or political subdivisions may incur administrative costs associated with oversight, coordination, and evaluation of pilot projects. Following completion of a pilot program addressing a public challenge, procurement costs will ultimately depend on the contracting decisions of the parish governing authority and are therefore indeterminable.

Many of the operational requirements of the program appear to be carried out by the pilot innovator contractor that partners with the parish government or political subdivision for the pilot program. These organizations may use public property and resources to implement pilot programming, but are responsible for compiling and delivering a comprehensive pilot report.

Upon successful completion of the pilot program addressing a public challenge, the parish governing authority or political subdivision may award a sole-source contract to the innovator without competitive bidding, subject to public notice, a 30-day protest period, and a requirement that the business maintain dedicated operations in the state.

Because the pilot programming may include a wide range of public challenges, including but not limited to flooding, water management, subsidence, infrastructure challenges, energy and grid resilience, maritime logistics, coastal restoration, and other issues of significant public concern within the Pilot Innovation Hub, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is unable to estimate the potential increase in local expenditures. The LFO assumes such contracts with innovators may likely exceed the \$100,000 threshold. However, the option of a qualifying parish to designate itself as a Pilot Innovation Hub is speculative.

Note: Based on the latest federal decennial census data, Orleans Parish appears to be the only parish with a population between 350,000 and 410,000 persons and therefore the only parish currently eligible to designate itself as a Pilot Innovation Hub under the bill.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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