
DIGEST

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HB 1000 Engrossed

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Abstract: Reforms certain operations with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Highway Priority Program.

Present law (R.S. 48:229.1(F)) requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to include a detailed list of any changes to the previous year's annual submission of the Hwy. Priority Program, along with an explanation of the reasons for the changes. Further provides that the goal of the DOTD is to ensure at least 90% of its projects in the program as provided for in the previous year's program submission.

Proposed law specifies that the annual submission of the Hwy. Priority Program include a detailed list of any changes to the completed previous year's program. Further specifies that the 90% of its projects in the program progress as provided for in the completed previous year's program submission.

Present law (R.S. 48:229.1(H)) requires the DOTD provide an annual report of the status of projects in the Hwy. Priority Program to the House and Senate committees on transportation, hwys. and public works.

Proposed law clarifies that the report on the status of projects refers to the current Hwy. Priority Program.

Present law (R.S. 48:231(A)(5)) requires a report of the hearing testimony be sent to the DOTD and the House and Senate committees on transportation, hwys. and public works. Further requires the DOTD create a final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature. Additionally requires that any project discussed at the hearing that is not included in the final construction program be given a numerical identification and requires the DOTD provide to the House and Senate committees on transportation, hwys. and public works a list of projects along with a written justification for the exclusion of each individual project.

Proposed law includes a deadline of on or before Oct. 1st of the following fiscal year for the DOTD to provide the numerical identification of the list of projects along with the written justification for the exclusion of the projects.

Present law (R.S. 48:251(B)) requires every contract exceeding the contract limit, as defined in present law, for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a DOTD facility under the provisions of present law be made in the name of the DOTD and be signed by the secretary of the DOTD or his

duly appointed designee and by the contracting party. Further requires that the contract limit be equal to \$1 million.

Proposed law increases the contract limit from \$1 million to \$3 million.

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

(Amends R.S. 48:229.1(F) and (H), 231(A)(5), and 251(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add an effective date upon signature of the governor.