
DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Department of Transportation and Development implement improvements to Interstate 12 within certain parishes in Louisiana.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add a clause that specifies that recent litigation concerning Interstate 12 has demonstrated that certain median barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events.
2. Add a clause that specifies that Interstate 12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor, and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events.
3. Add a clause that specifies that the Department of Transportation and Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of Interstate 12, including the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on surrounding communities.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany to the areas requesting improvements to Interstate 12.
2. Add clauses that detail a fatal vehicle collision in St. Tammany Parish on Interstate 12 and an associated lawsuit against the state of Louisiana and the Department of Transportation and Development alleging the cable barrier was defective.
3. Add a clause that details a fatal vehicle collision in East Baton Rouge Parish on

Interstate 12 that caused a highway closure for over three hours.