

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 449

2026 Regular Session

Duplessis

May 28, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 449 by Senator Duplessis, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That House Floor Amendments No. 1 proposed by Representative Bourriaque (HFASB449 4931 5250) and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 12, 2026 be rejected.
2. That the following amendments be adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

"(2)(a) Any political subdivision that owns or operates a railroad or railway and makes any of the following used or non-new purchases:"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 6, change "**(a)**" to "**(i)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 7, change "**(b)**" to "**(ii)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 8, change "**(c)**" to "**(iii)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 9, change "**(d)**" to "**(iv)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 9 and 10 insert the following:

"(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, the meaning of non-new shall be consistent with the disclosures and prohibitions relative to products that are not new pursuant to 16 CFR 20.1, including products that are used, rebuilt, reconditioned, reclaimed, or otherwise not in new condition."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Royce Duplessis

Representative Ryan Bourriaque

Senator Patrick Connick

Representative Ed Murray

Senator John C. "Jay" Morris III

Representative Jacob Braud

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Provides for the procurement of materials and goods. (8/1/26)

Report rejects House amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Define "non- new " relative to locomotives, on-track equipment, other rolling stock and track maintenance equipment and their component parts.
2. Makes technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for requirements for advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder for materials and supplies and exemptions of purchases paid out of public funds.

Present law further provides for an exemption for animals trained to perform special tasks, including narcotics and bomb detection, arson investigation, and rescue techniques by law enforcement or any local public safety agency for specific services.

Proposed law provides for exemptions for a political subdivision that own or operate a railroad for the purchase of the following and its component parts: used locomotives, on-track equipment, and other rolling stock, and track maintenance equipment and its attachments. Proposed law further gives definition of "non-new".

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(O))