

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

New 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.

Existing 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.

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

Existing 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. 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.

New 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.

Existing law (R.S. 48:251(B)) requires every contract exceeding the contract limit, as defined in existing law, for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a DOTD facility under the provisions of existing 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.

Prior law required that the contract limit for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of any DOTD facility be equal to \$1 million.

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

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 29, 2026).

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