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## DIGEST

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HB 297 Reengrossed

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Thompson

**Abstract:** Increases the "contract limit" for public works projects undertaken by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law specifies that in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to a public entity notice of the public emergency must be made within 10 days of being published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such emergency.

Proposed law removes the 10-day time period in present law for declaring emergency repairs.

Proposed law specifies that for public works projects undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the contract limit is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Assoc. Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning Feb. 1, 2026, and annually on Feb. 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall adjust the contract limit by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. Further specifies the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall publish the new contract limit for public works contracts in the La. Register in Jan. of each year. Specifies that proposed law will be effective until Dec. 31, 2029.

Specifies that the provisions of proposed law constitute a Pilot Program that terminates on Aug. 1, 2029. Further requires that the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism produce a report regarding projects under the new contract limit and submit it to the House and Senate transportation committees by Aug. 1st of each year.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (P)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 38:2212(C)(5))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete the requirement that projects in excess of \$50,000, but less than \$1 million be publicly bid by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

3. Add a requirement that the provisions of proposed law constitute a Pilot Program that terminates on Aug. 1, 2029.
4. Require the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism provide a report pertaining to projects under the new contract limit and submit it to the House and Senate transportation committees by Aug. 1st of each year.