
DIGEST

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HB 21 Original

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Abstract: Requires all integrated coastal protection projects to be administered by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) regardless of the entity to which the funds are appropriated.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the 8th day of each regular session.

Present law requires the office of facility planning and control (FP&C) to administer all funds appropriated to state projects. Present law exempts appropriations to Dept. of Transportation and Development for highway or public works projects, to the Military Dept., or to the legislature from this requirement. Further requires FP&C to administer all funds appropriated to state port commissions or districts, political subdivisions, and local governing authorities under cooperative endeavor agreements (CEA).

Proposed law changes present law by requiring the CPRA to administer all integrated coastal protection projects under CEAs regardless of the entity to which the funds are appropriated.

Present law requires ports, levee districts, and other nonstate entities to fully execute CEAs and receive final approval by the agency administering the project prior to entering into contracts obligating state funds. Further provides that if any such entity enters into a contract, executes a purchase order, or otherwise attempts to obligate any funds without first fully complying with the provisions of present law, the obligation shall remain the sole responsibility of the entity and shall not be eligible for state reimbursement or payment.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a requirement that the CPRA give final approval for projects administered by the CPRA prior to the entity entering into contracts.

Proposed law is applicable to the funding of all projects included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2021.

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

(Amends R.S. 39:113(B) and 122(B)(1))