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HB No. 850

Abstract: Authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to authorize the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) to contract for the study, investigation, and cleanup of, or response to, hazardous substances located in an integrated coastal protection program project.

Proposed law allows the CPRA, with approval of the CPRA Board, to enter into a contract for the study, investigation, and cleanup of, or response to, hazardous substances directly with an entity who is already under contract with the Corps of Engineers for an integrated coastal protection project where the hazardous substance is located and where federal law, rules, regulations, guidance, or the terms of a cooperative, partnership, or other agreement for the project require the state to directly take action relative to the hazardous substance. In approving the contract with the Corps of Engineers contracting entity, proposed law requires the board determine that the Corps of Engineers entered into the contract with its contractor through a public bid process, get at least two estimates for the work from other contractors qualified to conduct such work, get an estimate for the needed work from the Corps of Engineers contractor, and determine that contracting directly with the Corps of Engineers contractor is economical, feasible, and in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

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

(Adds R.S. 49:214.5.2(G))