

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 527 By Senator Heitmeier**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides for a Complete Streets Policy and creates the Complete Streets Advisory Council. (8/1/14)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Technical name change of Advisory Council member.
2. Changes from mandatory to discretionary the authority of the Advisory Council to expand its membership to other organizations selected by the Council.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law provides legislative findings to require implementation of "Complete Streets". Provides that development of a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Louisiana which balances the access, mobility, health, and safety needs of motorists, transit users, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, including the users of wheelchairs and mobility aids, is integral to the public health, welfare, and quality of life of Louisiana's citizens and visitors. Provides that development of such transportation system, by planning, designing, funding, constructing, managing, and maintaining a complete and multimodal network, will achieve and sustain mobility and safely accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

Proposed law directs the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to adopt and maintain a Complete Streets Policy. Requires DOTD to make reasonable efforts to engage interested stakeholders through an advisory group to be known as the Complete Streets Advisory Council when developing such policy.

Proposed law requires DOTD to establish goals to be incorporated into practical projects within the highway priority program and to track their progress by department district.

Proposed law requires DOTD to submit a written progress report annually in conjunction with the department's submission of the Highway Priority Program to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works and to the Complete Streets Advisory Council.

Proposed law provides that the Complete Streets Advisory Council shall consist of a representative appointed by each of the following organizations and may include such other persons or representatives of organizations selected by the council:

- (1) The Department of Transportation and Development.
- (2) AARP Louisiana.
- (3) The Center for Planning Excellence.
- (4) The Federal Highway Administration.
- (5) Any research center based at a university in Louisiana that is interested in the Complete Streets Policy.

- (6) A member appointed by a majority of the metropolitan planning organizations.
- (7) Other interested Complete Streets advocacy groups.

Proposed law requires DOTD to adopt performance measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the Complete Streets Policy. Requires such performance measures to include both process and outcome oriented indicators as determined by DOTD in conjunction with the Complete Streets Advisory Council.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:22.1)

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