

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 84

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Edmonds

October 22, 2020

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 84 by Representative Edmonds, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Mills (#817) be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendment be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the end of line 2, after "expenditure." insert "However, the inability of the committee to meet shall not prohibit the expenditure of any federal funds received for testing, treatment, and prevention of COVID-19 prior to approval by the committee."

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Cameron Henry

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 DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to the expenditure of federal funds received as a result of a disaster or emergency (Item #27)

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Exempted federal funds received due to COVID-19 or federally declared health related emergency from proposed law.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that the inability of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to meet shall not prohibit the expenditure of federal funds received for testing, treatment, or prevention of COVID-19 prior to approval by the committee.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law prohibits any state agency from expending federal funds without a specific appropriation made by the legislature.

Present law authorizes JLCB to approve the expenditure of new or additional federal funds that were not available when the legislature was in session.

Proposed law allows the expenditure of federal funds received due to a federally declared disaster or emergency prior to approval by JLCB if the secretary requesting to expend the funds certifies in writing to the governor and JLCB that any delay would be detrimental to the state and JLCB is unable to meet.

Proposed law provides that the inability of JLCB to meet shall not prohibit the expenditure of federal funds received for testing, treatment, or prevention of COVID-19 prior to approval by the committee.

Proposed law further adds a requirement for JLCB to consider the expenditures at its next meeting following notification of the secretary's certification and prohibits any new or additional federal funds from being expended by any agency for the same disaster or emergency unless approved by the committee or appropriated by the legislature prior to expenditure.

(Amends R.S. 39:134(C))