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Abstract: Provides relative to the employment positions toward the total operating force or personnel level for non-gaming economic development activities.

Present law (R.S. 27:240 et seq.) provides for the Land-Based Casino Operating Contract and provides for the operations for the land-based casino.

Present law (R.S. 27:248) provides relative to the promotion of non-gaming economic development by the casino gaming operator or an affiliate company through the development of businesses including but not limited to restaurants, entertainment outlets, and retail outlets leased or subleased to third-party tenants or subtenants within, adjacent to, and around the official gaming establishment.

Present law requires the casino gaming operator to report quarterly the total operating force or personnel level of the third-party tenants to the board of directors of the La. Economic Development and Gaming Corporation.

Present law provides that the reported operating force or personnel level for the prior quarter shall be determined by taking into account the greater of either the three-month average for the applicable reporting quarter or the highest monthly total during the applicable reporting quarter. Further provides that the reported operating force or personnel level for the prior quarter shall be credited to the casino gaming operator for purposes of meeting certain present law obligations, provided that such credit is limited to 400 employment positions toward the total operating force or personnel level.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the 400 employment positions credited toward the total operating force or personnel level.

Present law defines "operating force or personnel level" as the number of people employed by the casino and any related non-gaming entity, including hotel operations, third-party tenants, and corporate employees.

Proposed law amends the present law definition to also include employees of any third-party contractors.

Present law provides that the casino gaming operator shall be credited an amount equal to the pro rata share of compensation to employees of the third-party tenants.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that the amount credited to the casino gaming operator is equal to the compensation to employees of the third-party tenants.

(Amends R.S. 27:248(C)(3), (4), and (5))