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SB 445 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for the department to obtain approval from the House and Senate transportation and highway committees prior to soliciting proposals and entering into contracts.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies the department shall obtain approval from the House and Senate transportation and highway committees prior to entering into contracts.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to provide the detailed financial analysis of cost conducted by the department and the Federal Highway Administration relative to the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project to the legislative transportation committees.

Requires the DOTD and the Dept. of the Treasury use the analysis provided to prepare a comparative financial analysis of the cost of the design build method of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project.

Proposed law further provides that the result of the comparative analysis be provided to the legislative transportation committees immediately upon completion and requires that these committees use the comparative analysis as a reference during deliberations in approving the public-private partnership contract for the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project.

Proposed law applies to all unsigned contracts as of the effective date of proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 48:250.4(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds provisions for the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to also approve contracts for public-private partnerships.
2. Provides for submission of a detailed financial analysis of costs and provides for use of this analysis to prepare a comparative financial analysis of the cost of the design to build method of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project.
3. Provides for comparative analysis results to be provided to the legislative transportation committees for use as a reference in their deliberations in approving the public-private partnership contract for the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget from the required department approval process prior to entering into contracts. Retain the requirement that the department to obtain approval from the House and Senate transportation and highway committees.