Existing 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.

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

New 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.

New law requires the DOTD and the Dept. of the Treasury to 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.

New law further requires 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.

New law applies to all unsigned contracts as of the effective date of new law.

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