

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 646****2024 Regular Session****Thompson**

CONTRACTS: Provides for a contract limit for public work projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specify that the contract limit for public work projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism will remain effective until December 31, 2029.
2. Clarify that contracts for projects with an aggregated estimated cost less than the contract limit, but in excess of fifty thousand dollars, must be publicly bid by the department.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law specifies that in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to a public entity, notice of the public emergency must be made within 10 days of being published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such emergency.

Proposed law removes the 10-day time period in present law for declaring emergency repairs.

Proposed law specifies that for public work projects undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the "contracts limit" is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Assoc. Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning Feb. 1, 2025, and annually on Feb. 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration adjusts the "contracts limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. Requires the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration publish the new contracts limit for public works contracts in the La. Register in Jan. of each year.

Proposed law further requires contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the contract limit, but in excess of \$50,000, to be publicly bid by the department.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law will cease to be effective on Dec. 31, 2029.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 38:2212(C)(5))