

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 670

2026 Regular Session

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provides relative to wood pellet manufacturing

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Defines "wood derived biofuel" as the production of fuels from forestry residues for export or domestic use, and the associated handling and processing of forestry residues as may be required in the production of fuel.
2. Amends application of proposed law from the wood pellet manufacturing industry only to both the wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing industries.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides for legislative findings and intent.

Proposed law defines "wood pellet manufacturing" and "wood derived biofuel".

Proposed law directs Louisiana Economic Development to support the recruitment, retention, and expansion of wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing facilities in this state within existing statutory authority and subject to the availability of funds, and to develop policies, guidance, or program criteria consistent with existing economic development programs, when appropriate and within existing authority including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Prioritizing and enhancing job creation incentives for wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing facilities.
- (2) Establishing workforce development and training initiatives for wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing facilities.
- (3) Coordinating with ports regarding infrastructure needs associated with wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing cargo.
- (4) Establishing site readiness criteria for wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing.
- (5) Providing clear regulatory pathways for the development of wood pellet and wood derived fuel manufacturing facilities throughout this state.

(Adds R.S. 51:955.1 and 955.2)