

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 384

2026 Regular Session

Harris

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

TECHNOLOGY: Authorizes creation of the Pilot Innovation Hub. (8/1/26)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Make technical changes.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

## DIGEST

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Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of any parish to enact a resolution to designate the parish as a Pilot Innovation Hub.

Proposed law provides that the Pilot Innovation Hub designation permits the validation and implementation of innovative technologies to address public challenges, stimulate local economic activity, and create job opportunities.

Proposed law recognizes local business growth and technology commercialization as a key component of economic development and contributors to statewide economic competitiveness.

Proposed law authorizes any political subdivision within a Pilot Innovation Hub, to establish procedures for competitive selection of a pilot innovation contractor, enter into contracts with a pilot innovation contractor to manage programming, and utilize public property and align permitting and zoning to implement programming.

Proposed law allows pilot innovation contractors to establish competitive selection and vetting procedures for program participants, develop and implement programming, define benchmarks and deployment metrics, and ensure that programming does not adversely impact public health, safety, or welfare.

Proposed law provides that successful completion of programming shall be demonstrated by a comprehensive pilot report that includes performance data and a roadmap for scaled deployment and demonstrates a valid public purpose and achievement of program goals.

Proposed law provides that, upon successful completion of programming, the parish governing authority or political subdivision may award a sole-source contract to the innovator without competitive bidding, subject to public notice and a thirty-day protest period and a requirement that the business maintain operations in the state.

Proposed law defines the terms "programming" and "pilot innovation contractor".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 38:2211.3)