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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 31 by Representative Montoucet as proposed by the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works

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To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A), relative to the highway priority construction program; to provide for the presentation of the proposed program of construction to members of the Legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by legislature; restrictions on legislature

A. (1) Beginning on October 1, 2010, and not later than October 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall provide a proposed program of construction for the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee.

(2) The committee shall hold public hearings in each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

(3) At each public hearing, the department shall provide each House and Senate member a map indicating the following regarding projects within their respective House or Senate districts:

(a) All projects proposed for construction within their district for the coming fiscal year.

(b) All completed projects within their district for the three previous fiscal years.

(4) The maps required to be provided to each House and Senate member pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall be made available to any person upon request following the public hearings.

(5) A report based on the testimony received at said hearings shall be sent to the department. The department then shall create the final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature.

(6) When this final construction program is communicated to the legislature for funding for the coming fiscal year, any project which the legislature determines is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with the factors stated in R.S. 48:229 may be deleted by the legislature. However, the legislature shall not add any projects to this final construction program, nor shall the legislature make substitutions for projects which have been removed.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to provide each House and Senate member a map indicating all projects proposed for construction within their respective district for the coming fiscal year and all completed projects within their respective district for the previous three fiscal years.

Present law provides that beginning on October 1, 2010, and not later than October 1 of each year thereafter, the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall provide a proposed program of construction for the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee. The committee is required hold public hearings in each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to provide each House and Senate member a map indicating all projects proposed for construction within their respective districts for the coming fiscal year and all completed projects within their respective districts for the previous three fiscal years.

Proposed law requires these maps to be made available to House and Senate members at the public hearings required by present law and be made available to any person upon request following the public hearings.

(Amends R.S. 48:231(A))