
DIGEST

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HB 784 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires certain information to be reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay each year regarding specific information for each capital outlay project funded in the capital outlay bill.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year program capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the 8th day of each regular session.

Proposed law makes technical revisions to present law.

Present law requires the head of each budget unit to present requests for all expenditures for capital projects on forms provided by the office of facility planning and control no later than the first day of November each year. Further requires the annual request to contain the information necessary for the feasibility study required pursuant to present constitution and to include projects proposed to be funded within the next five years.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the requirement that the application for any capital outlay budget request which receives funding in the capital outlay budget be updated each year that the project remains active in the budget process to reflect all changes in the project that occurred since the previous submission.

Present law requires each capital outlay application to include a detailed project description and justification for each new project requested. Further provides that the detailed project description and justification to include information such as an analysis of need with corroborative data, a reasonable estimate of the date when the project will be needed, the project's proposed location, the estimated construction cost, and the estimated completion date of the project.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the that the project application include the estimated local match requirement and the amount of local match expended on the project.

Proposed law further provides that the detailed project description for all statewide programs including programs such as the statewide roofing program, the major repairs of state office buildings program, the local government assistance program, the community water enrichment program, and the deferred maintenance programs for all higher education institutions and community college facilities shall include details of the projects qualifying for funding through the programs proposed

to be funded with the appropriations included in the capital outlay budget.

Proposed law requires that any project receiving an individual appropriation in the capital outlay budget to submit a capital outlay application by the November first deadline regardless if the project is eligible for funding through a statewide program.

Proposed law requires the office of facility planning and control and any state agency authorized to administer capital outlay appropriations to submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, an annual written report no later than the first day of February, of each project included in the prior year's capital outlay budget which includes the following information:

- (1) The title of the project.
- (2) The total budget for the project from all means of financing.
- (3) A breakdown of the funding of the project including all cash and general obligation bond funding of the project.
- (4) The amount of state and local funds, including local match funds, expended on the project.
- (5) The amount of project funding that has been encumbered, including all cash and general obligation bond cash and noncash lines of credit approved for the project.
- (6) The total amount of funds the project will need to spend in the next fiscal year.
- (7) The current status of the project as either active or complete.
- (8) If the project is complete, the total amount of unspent appropriations remaining on the project, including the means of finance of the funds.

(Amends R.S. 39:101(A), 102(B), and 111; Adds R.S. 39:105)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Add requirement that the application for any capital outlay project which receives funding in the capital outlay bill to be updated each year that the project remains active in the budget process.
2. Add requirement that the project application include the estimated local match requirement and the amount of local match expended on the project.
3. Require the detailed project description for all statewide programs to include details of

- the projects qualifying for funding through the programs proposed to be funded with the appropriations included in the capital outlay budget.
4. Require all projects receiving individual appropriations in the capital outlay bill to submit an application by November first regardless if the project is eligible for funding through a statewide program.
 5. Require all agencies which administer capital outlay appropriations to submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, an annual written report no later than the first day of February, of specific information for each project.