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HOUSE BILL NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE STRAIN

HIGHWAYS: Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method for a certain transportation infrastructure project (Item #46)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:250.2(A) and (C), relative to contracts let by the Department
3 of Transportation and Development; to authorize the Department of Transportation
4 and Development to utilize the design-build method to construct a certain
5 transportation infrastructure project which is included in the Transportation
6 Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) program; to remove
7 certain limitations of the design-build program; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 48:250.2(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §250.2. Design-build contracts; administration

12 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary or the requirements of this Part,
13 if the secretary determines it is in the best interest of the taxpayers, the Department
14 of Transportation and Development, with approval of the House and Senate
15 ~~transportation, highways and public works committees, may formulate, develop, and~~
16 ~~implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining~~
17 transportation, highways and public works committees, may combine the design and
18 construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to
19 highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

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1 C. ~~This pilot program shall be limited in duration to allow use of the design-~~
2 ~~build method to construct the~~ The department is authorized to utilize the design-build
3 method for the following projects:

4 (1) The new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US
5 61) including approach structures and connecting roadways, which project is
6 included in the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development
7 program.

8 (2) Louisiana Highway 3241 from Interstate 12 to Bush (Bogalusa), which
9 project is included in the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic
10 Development program.

11 (3) ~~Additionally, the secretary may also select an additional project to utilize~~
12 ~~the design-build method;~~ One additional project selected by the secretary; however,
13 the cost of the additional project shall not exceed five million dollars.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method to construct LA 3241 from I-12 to Bush (Bogalusa), which project is included in the TIMED program.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the pilot program limitation of the design-build program.

Present law authorizes the department to utilize the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), which project is included in the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) program, and one additional project selected by the secretary; however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the department to utilize the design-build method to construct LA 3241 from I-12 to Bush (Bogalusa), which project is included in the TIMED program.

(Amends R.S. 48:250.2(A) and (C))