



Legislative Bulletin for LAGC's Legislative Council 5-1-2022
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Activities Last Week:

LAGC Package:

- **SB 271, Sen. Womack**, LAGC-sponsored bill, has passed by the Senate without objection. It now awaits referral to a House Committee. The bill makes minor changes to the Public Bid Law.
- **SB 474, Sen. Womack and Sen. McMath**, addressing “change orders” issues and establishing a timeframe and process in getting change orders to the point where they will be timely paid, **is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee on Thursday, May 5. PLEASE CONTACT SENATORS ON THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE NOW! PLEASE TELL THEM THE STATE’S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY NEEDS HELP! PUBLIC OWNERS NEED TO PAY FOR APPROVED CHANGE ORDERS TIMELY. THEY NEED TO VOTE “YES” ON SB 474. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE SENATORS:** Patrick McMath (he’s the author and is for the bill), Gary Carter, Louie Bernard, Barrow Peacock, Rogers Pope, Ed Price, and Gary Smith. **CALL 25-342-2040 AND ASK THAT THEY TAKE A MESSAGE FOR THE SENATOR: “PLEASE VOTE “YES” ON SB 474 BY SEN. WOMACK & MCMATH, THAT PUBLIC BODIES NEED TO PAY FOR APPROVED CHANGE ORDERS TIMELY!”**

We have been meeting with FP&C, the City of New Orleans, the League of Cities, the Police Jury Association, the Louisiana Municipal Association, Police Jury Association and others, who expressed strong opposition to the original bill. Amendments have been suggested, and we’re working to address concerns raised. We’re still working on amendments to address their concerns, and hope that we can reach some agreement.

- **SB 423, Sen. Foil**, amending the public works act relative to prior approvals, was passed by the Senate without any objections. It now awaits referral to House committee.
- **SB 429, Sen. Womack**, amending the public works act relative to “substantial completion” and punch lists, was passed without objection by the Senate and awaits referral by House Committee.
- **SB 710, Rep. Stefanski**, the Construction Management at Risk bill, has not yet been scheduled for a hearing by the Senate Transportation Committee, after having passed the House without objection.

LAGC OPPOSES HEALTH INSURANCE BILL THAT WOULD INCREASE PREMIUMS: PLEASE CONTACT SENATORS

LAGC is opposing SB 112, Sen. Robert Mills, that could increase health insurance premiums for your group health plans by as much as four to six percent. SB 112, which is sponsored by the Louisiana Hospital Association, the State Medical Society, and other providers, would curtail your insurance plans from utilizing prior authorization. Prior authorization is one of the only tools your insurance plans have to keep costs and premiums down by reviewing procedures and service that are not medically necessary or appropriate. **SB 112 will be heard by the Senate Insurance Committee on Wednesday, May 4.**

EBR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED BILL ADVANCES: HB 457, Rep, Carpenter, City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish's legislation pertaining to its' program for socially and economically disadvantaged businesses, is to be heard by the House on May 2. The bill give's legislative approval on a program AGC and the Parish have worked together to craft over the past year. LAGC is supporting the legislation.

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