



Legislative Bulletin for LAGC's Legislative Council 5-8-2022
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Activities Last Week:

LAGC Package:

- **SB 271, Sen. Womack**, LAGC-sponsored bill, has been passed by the Senate without objection. It has now been referred to the House Committee on Transportation & Public Works and awaits its hearing. The bill makes changes to the Public Bid Law, shortens the time period when a bidder may request all bid information from 14 days to 9, clarifies that items required by bid documents to be submitted with the bid, not required by law shall not be used to determine the responsiveness of the bidders.
- **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 approved and paid, **is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee on Thursday, May 12. PLEASE CONTINUE TO 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. **CAL 225-342-2040 AND ASK THAT THEY TAKE A MESSAGE FOR THE SENATOR: “PLEASE VOTE “YES” ON SB 474 BY SENS. WOMACK & MCMATH, THAT PUBLIC BODIES NEED TO PAY FOR APPROVED CHANGE ORDERS TIMELY!”**

We have been working on additional amendments, getting input from 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.

- **SB 423, Sen. Foil**, amending the public works act relative to pre-approval of materials and recommending a substitute, was passed by the Senate without any objections. It now awaits a hearing by the House Transportation Committee, scheduled for Monday, May 9.
- **SB 429, Sen. Womack**, amending the public works act relative to “substantial completion” and punch lists, was passed without objection by the Senate, and has been assigned to the House Transportation Committee. The bill establishes time frame for developing a punch list and when items can be added.

- **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. We're hoping to have the bill scheduled for May 12, but haven't gotten confirmation yet.

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

Congratulations to all of those who contacted the Senate Insurance committee, concerning LAGC's opposition to SB 112, Sen. Robert Mills, that could increase health insurance premiums for your group health plans by as much as four to six percent. The bill was amended by the committee to alleviate our our concerns that the bill, in its original form, would have driven up health insurance rates for the membership that are either self-insured or insured through Health Plans. If the amendments are changed we will be reaching out to you once again! Thanks again for your efforts.

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. The bill will to give legislative approval on a program AGC and the Parish have worked together to craft over the past year. It is similar to Shreveport and Caddo Parish's Fair Share Program. LAGC worked with Baton Rouge for more than a year on the promulgation of rules to effect similar changes. The legislation passed the House and was capped at 25%. Referred to the Senate Municipal & Parochial Affairs Committee for a hearing.

LAGC SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO ENSURE ONE-TIME FUNDS GO INTO INFRASTRUCTURE

HB 1018, Rep. Edmonds, would dedicate the current .045 temporary state sales tax, once it is scheduled to expire, to be deposited a new Temporary Sales Tax Fund and divides into special sub-funds, specified amounts for bridges in Calcasieu Parish, Baton Rouge, and expansion of the I-49 South corridor. After receiving support by the House Ways & Means Committee, it now awaits final passage by the House on Monday, May 9.

In a matter related to increased funding for infrastructure, HB 1031, Rep. Freiberg, imposes a usage fee on electric and hybrid motor vehicles for the first time. This adds those vehicles to the user fees paid by other vehicles that use the state's horizontal infrastructure using motor fuels. It will be debated by the House on May 11.

Bill List for Review: <https://www.lanews bureau.com/clients/0314/544012820225.html>

