
DIGEST

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HB 84 Engrossed

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Edmonds

Abstract: Authorizes the expenditure of federal funds received due to a federally declared disaster or emergency if the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) is unable to meet. Requires JLCB to approve the expenditures at its next meeting and prohibits further expenditure of the federal funds received for the same disaster or emergency unless approved by JLCB prior to expenditure.

Present law prohibits any state agency from expending federal funds without a specific appropriation made by the legislature.

Present law authorizes JLCB to approve the expenditure of new or additional federal funds that were not available when the legislature was in session.

Proposed law allows the expenditure of federal funds received due to a federally declared disaster or emergency prior to approval by JLCB if the secretary requesting to expend the funds certifies in writing to the governor and JLCB that any delay would be detrimental to the state and JLCB is unable to meet.

Proposed law further adds a requirement for JLCB to consider the expenditures at its next meeting following notification of the secretary's certification and prohibits any new or additional federal funds from being expended by any agency for the same disaster or emergency unless approved by the committee or appropriated by the legislature prior to expenditure.

(Amends R.S. 39:134(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Clarify the prohibition on expending new or additional federal funds after JLCB has met to consider the previous expenditures applies to all agencies.