



hold a public hearing within 30 calendar days of receiving the prioritized list for the purpose of reviewing the priorities. At such hearing, the joint committee shall vote to either accept, reject, or modify the list.

Proposed law requires the office to re-prioritize the list of projects to reflect the cumulative list of projects recommended by the department and approved by the committees.

Proposed law provides that after applications for the last quarter are approved by the office and presented to the committees, the department shall submit the final priority program for the ensuing fiscal year to the legislature for approval. Prior to the convening of the regular session of the legislature, the joint committee shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the final program for the ensuing fiscal year. Further requires the office to publish the appropriate official notice on the department's website prior to such hearing.

Proposed law requires the final program be based on the anticipated revenues to be appropriated by the legislature or other funding obligation authority and the projects shall be listed in order of priority.

Proposed law requires a project recommended by the office and approved by the joint committee but for which funds are unavailable in the fiscal year for which it was approved to remain on the prioritized list of projects and to be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Such project shall retain its place on the prioritized list.

Proposed law requires the office to annually provide a supplemental list of projects to be commenced or authorized within the ensuing four years which are in various stages of planning and preparation. The supplemental list may be changed by the office until it finally approves each project for construction.

Proposed law provides that after adoption of the approved list of projects by the joint committee, the list is forwarded to the office for implementation. Further requires the approved list to be implemented by office using appropriated funds, funding obligation authority, or pursuant to the cash management program.

Proposed law provides that no waterway project shall be undertaken by the office except those included in the approved program listing which are funded or which have funding obligation authority for that fiscal year.

Proposed law provides that projects planned for the year for which appropriations have been made or which have funding obligation authority shall be commenced in that year and provides procedures for commencing substitute projects.

Proposed law creates the Dredging and Deepening Fund within the state treasury as the source of state funds in addition to capital outlay funds, the general fund, and other sources, provided for any waterway project on the priority list.

Proposed law provides for certain requirements for the preparation of plans and specifications and letting of bids for and supervision of construction.

Proposed law allows a sponsoring authority to receive a portion of the funds required to participate in a federal matching program.

Proposed law requires that distributions to recipient governmental entities be audited biennially.

Proposed law provides for requirements and procedures pertaining to the misuse of funds.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 34:3471-3483)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds canals and channels to the definition of "waterway".
3. Eliminates language giving delayed projects highest priority for the next ensuing fiscal year.
4. Adds language to allow a sponsoring authority to make application to receive a portion of the funds required to participate in a federal matching program.
5. Changes responsibility for preparation of plans and specifications for projects from governmental entities and the office of multimodal commerce to port authorities.