



Coming Up: This Week in House Committee on Ways & Means

This is a part of an ongoing series of documents to provide information on different proposals presented in the state legislature.

This document will tackle issues being discussed in the House Committee on Ways & Means concerning the capital outlay budget.

In 2016, the Bond Commission (comprised of House members, Senate members, Governor's staff, and other statewide elected officials) approved a capital outlay budget that was very close to what the House approved last year.

In examining the numbers, it is important to note that downsizing the capital budget is not the same as downsizing the operating budget.

Downsizing the operating budget would mean cutting services. Downsizing the capital outlay budget is not about cutting services, but rather about not approving new projects the state is not prepared to pay for this year. Downsizing the capital budget means matching the dollars we do have to the projects that we can complete. Below is an explanation of the "Priorities" included in the capital outlay budget.

What do P1, P2, and P5 "Priorities" Mean?

Priority 1 (P1)

Existing Projects

- *Projects that received funding in previous years
- *Includes funding moved from previous year P2 and P5

Priority 2 (P2)

New Money

- *New Project - First time the project is in the bill
- *Ongoing Project - Additional money for the project

Priority 5 (P5)

Future Funding

- *New Project - Funds that can't be spent in the first year
- *Ongoing Project - Funding needed after the first year of the project

Take a look at what the Governor is proposing this week compared to the other proposals:

Governor's proposed HB2 for this year:

P1: \$883,475,855
P2: \$51,041,800
P5: 1,010,189,050

House Passed HB2 from last year:

P1: \$982 Million
P2: \$44 Million
P5: \$940 Million

Bond Commission budget from last year:

P1: 1,077,751,955
P2: 68,031,300
P5: 1,435,832,300

For perspective, here is Governor Jindal's last budget

P1: \$1,360,121,300
P2: \$79,933,700
P5: \$2,213,932,800

The Governor's current HB2 is lower than both what the Bond Commission submitted and the original House numbers; this lower number reflects the fact that \$348 Million of bonds were sold to pay for prior commitments, and \$180 Million in new P1 and P2 projects were added.

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