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Bill Number:	S. 0361	Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject:	Construction Contract Extensions	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends §57-5-1630, relating to the extension of construction contracts awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Currently, construction contracts may not be extended to include work not contemplated in the original reward unless approved in advance by the Department of Transportation Commission, except under special circumstances. This bill provides that the commission is not required to provide preapproval of construction contract extensions. However, the commission must ratify any contract extensions at the next commission meeting.

The overall fiscal impact of this bill on DOT is undetermined. While the bill will have no expenditure impact, the proposed changes in the contract extension process could save time on projects by allowing the agency to respond more quickly and efficiently. However, any cost savings will be dependent upon the size, scope, and length of time saved over the life of the project. Therefore, any potential cost savings are undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill amends §57-5-1630, relating to the extension of construction contracts awarded by DOT. Currently, construction contracts may not be extended to include work not contemplated in the original reward unless approved in advance by the commission, except under special circumstances. This bill provides that the commission is not required to provide preapproval of construction contract extensions. However, the commission must ratify any contract extensions at the next commission meeting. The bill also deletes the requirement that the extension of a contract to include additional work in advance of the approval of the commission may not exceed fifty percent of the total amount of the original contract being so extended or the sum of \$150,000, whichever amount is less.

Department of Transportation. The overall fiscal impact of this bill on DOT is undetermined. While the bill will have no expenditure impact, DOT indicates that the proposed changes in the contract extension process could save time on projects by allowing the agency to respond more quickly and efficiently. However, any cost savings will be dependent upon the size, scope, and

length of time saved over the life of the project. Therefore, any potential cost savings associated with this bill are undetermined.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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