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# HB310

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HURRICANE IDA  
DEMONSTRATED  
THAT LUMCON  
LACKS THE  
ABILITY TO  
MAKE REPAIRS  
IN EXCESS OF  
**\$30K**  
TO  
MODERATELY  
DAMAGED  
FACILITIES IN A  
TIMELY MANNER  
DUE TO  
RESTRICTIONS  
ON  
CONTRACTING  
AUTHORITY.

## EQUAL LUMCON PROCUREMENT STATUS

### THE GOAL

Granting the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) the same procurement and exemption status as other higher education institutions across the state will allow the consortium to timely pursue construction projects with costs between \$30 thousand and \$500 thousand as well as larger repairs costing between \$500 thousand - \$1 million with the assistance of Facility Planning and Control.

### THE CHALLENGE

Unlike all higher education institutions, LUMCON is not currently afforded the same procurement designation and exemptions that allow other institutions to promptly begin moderate repair work and initiate construction projects under \$1 million without having to obtain approvals that can delay the onset of projects.

### THE OPPORTUNITY

With LUMCON's physical proximity to the coast, it is imperative that moderate repairs be made as swiftly as possible to prevent greater, long-term damage to facilities and research equipment. Granting LUMCON equal status as all other higher education institutions will allow for more expeditious construction and repairs and more efficient work flow for staff and researchers.

