

2 SSJM 8013 - S AMD - 322
3 By Senators T. Sheldon

4 8013-S AMD ADOPTED TO SJM 8013 (SUB BILL NOT ADOPTED) 4/14/99

5 On page 1, after line 4 strike the remainder of the memorial and
6 insert the following:

7 "We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, Parts of Western Washington received the highest amount of
11 rainfall in state history between the months of November and February,
12 raining for ninety-one consecutive days and producing over fifty-five
13 inches of rain in King County; and

14 WHEREAS, Parts of the Olympic Peninsula, i.e., Lilliwaup, received
15 over one hundred fourteen inches of rain in a four-month period; and

16 WHEREAS, Sixty-one homes have been damaged and twenty-six homes are
17 uninhabitable in the area known as Carlyon Beach in Thurston County,
18 with property losses estimated at over ten million dollars; and

19 WHEREAS, Ground water flooding and landslides in Thurston County
20 have directly impacted at least seven hundred and sixty-five residents,
21 many of whom are elderly or have special needs; and

22 WHEREAS, A landslide in the Aldercrest neighborhood in Cowlitz
23 County has damaged one hundred and thirty-seven homes to date, and at
24 least fifty additional homes are threatened; and

25 WHEREAS, Ground water problems will cost over two million dollars
26 to repair and currently no water or sewer systems are in operation; and

27 WHEREAS, Shoreline bulkheads are failing, and public facilities
28 expenses are estimated at one million dollars, excluding the cost of
29 geotechnical assistance; and

30 WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Transportation estimates of
31 highway damages reach eleven million two hundred two thousand dollars,
32 and ten million dollars of those damages are in Mason County alone; and

33 WHEREAS, Local government estimates of damages to county roads and
34 city streets reach seven million three hundred ninety-two thousand four
35 hundred thirty-five dollars; and

36 WHEREAS, Governor Locke's emergency proclamation now includes six
37 western counties and directs state government to support emergency

1 response activities as needed around the state and authorizes the
2 Washington Military Department and its Emergency Management Division to
3 coordinate state agencies in the affected areas; and

4 WHEREAS, County officials are continuing to assess damages to
5 determine sufficient damage for justification of federal assistance;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, When damage from an event is so great it is beyond the
8 capability of local and state government to repair, the Governor can
9 ask the President to declare a disaster, thus making a variety of
10 federal disaster assistance programs available to help restore
11 communities to their predisaster condition; and

12 WHEREAS, The federal disaster assistance programs available may
13 include housing and relocation assistance, individual and family
14 grants, funding to restore public infrastructure and roads, tax
15 exemptions for the relocation of evacuated citizens, funding for
16 geotechnical studies to prevent future damage, and hazard mitigation;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that if the
18 Governor requests federal assistance, the President and the Federal
19 Emergency Management Agency will respond favorably to the request and
20 authorize the needed maximum available disaster recovery support to
21 address the needs of Washington's citizens devastated by the record
22 rainfall.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
24 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
25 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
27 State of Washington."

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