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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2853**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Hurst, Schmidt, Barlean, Buck, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Cooper, Haigh, Benson, Ballasiotes, O'Brien, Anderson, Chase, Upthegrove, Linville and Rockefeller)

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergencies involving critical infrastructure  
2 arising from terrorist acts; adding new sections to chapter 38.52 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** After the tragic events of September 11,  
6 2001, the legislature recognizes that the state's and the region's  
7 security, economic prosperity, and social well-being depend on the  
8 reliable functioning of increasingly complex infrastructures. The  
9 legislature further recognizes that it is the government's  
10 responsibility to participate in and facilitate the development of a  
11 regional approach to protecting this state's and the region's critical  
12 infrastructures. Because of mutual dependence and the increasing  
13 interconnectedness of infrastructures for energy systems, water  
14 systems, transportation systems, and communications systems, these  
15 infrastructures may be vulnerable in ways not yet recognized. Many of  
16 these facilities are privately owned and operated. In developing a  
17 coordinated regional approach to protecting critical infrastructures,  
18 it is important to include a broad set of viewpoints and expertise from  
19 both the public and private sector.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1)    The military department shall develop a plan for the  
4 identification, assessment, and prioritization of protection for  
5 infrastructure that is critical to state and regional economic  
6 stability and security. This plan shall be developed by the military  
7 department with participation as needed from the emergency management  
8 council and its subcommittees and from the department of community,  
9 trade, and economic development, department of information systems,  
10 Washington state patrol, department of transportation, utilities and  
11 transportation commission, department of health, department of ecology,  
12 and any other agencies the military department deems necessary for plan  
13 development.

14        (2)    In developing the plan required by this section, the military  
15 department shall study, evaluate, and make recommendations on methods  
16 to:

17        (a)    Identify the appropriate types of infrastructure to be  
18 considered critical to state and regional economic stability and  
19 security;

20        (b)    Identify the types of information needed and the public and  
21 private sector sources of information essential to identifying  
22 infrastructures critical to economic stability and security;

23        (c)    Assess the vulnerability of the various critical  
24 infrastructures identified; and

25        (d)    Prioritize those infrastructures most in need of protection.

26        (3)    The council shall submit the plan required by this section to  
27 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later  
28 than December 1, 2002.

29        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31        Within its existing resources and to the extent practicable, the  
32 military department and other state agencies identified in section 2(1)  
33 of this act shall participate in any efforts by public or private  
34 sector interests to develop regional plans for management and  
35 restoration of critical functions. Participation may require  
36 coordination with other states, federal agencies, and neighboring  
37 nations.

1      NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act expires July 1, 2004.

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