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By Senator Hasegawa

1 On page 9, line 28 of the amendment, after "department" strike
2 "is encouraged to" and insert "must"

3 On page 9, beginning on line 32 of the amendment, after
4 "department" strike "is further encouraged to" and insert "must also"

5 On page 10, line 6 of the amendment, after "risk" strike "are
6 encouraged to" and insert "must"

7 On page 10, line 10 of the amendment, after "agencies" strike
8 "are encouraged to" and insert "must"

9 On page 10, line 14 of the amendment, after "departments" strike
10 "are encouraged to" and insert "must"

11 On page 10, beginning on line 18 of the amendment, after
12 "subdivisions" strike "are also encouraged to" and insert "must"

13 On page 10, line 21 of the amendment, after "English." insert
14 "Emergency management departments should strive to use multiple
15 avenues of communication to notify all residents in an affected area
16 of emergency information regardless of language proficiency."

17 On page 10, after line 21 of the amendment, insert the following:
18 "(3) For the purposes of this section, "significant segment"
19 means five percent or more of the residents residing in the affected
20 city, town, or county who are of limited English proficiency.

21 (4) Agencies shall implement the provisions of this section
22 within existing funds."

23 On page 11, line 33 of the amendment, after "(2)" insert "Each
24 local organization or joint local organization for emergency
25 management must maintain updated demographic data for their
26 jurisdictions and information on the languages represented by their
27 respective communities.

28 (3)"

EFFECT: Within existing funds, requires, rather than encourages, multilingual notices for department of natural resource prescribed burns and for public health or safety public notices when a significant segment of a community (defined as five percent or more of residents) are of limited English proficiency. Requires local organizations involved in emergency management to maintain demographic and language data for communities within their jurisdictions.

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