

SSB 5247 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Housing, Community Development & Veterans

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the
4 widespread impact of damage, casualties, and displacement of people
5 resulting from a catastrophic incident makes it one of the most
6 important topics in emergency management today. A catastrophic
7 incident can result in tens of thousands of casualties and displaced
8 people, and significantly disrupt the functioning of our
9 infrastructure and economy; will almost immediately exceed the
10 resources normally available to state, tribal, local, and private
11 sector authorities for response; and will significantly disrupt
12 governmental operations, schools, and the availability of emergency
13 services. The characteristics of the precipitating event will
14 severely aggravate the response strategy and quickly exhaust the
15 capabilities and resources available in the impacted area, requiring
16 significant resources from outside the area.

17 (2) The legislature further finds that joint local, state, and
18 federal agencies must plan and prepare to provide extraordinary
19 levels of lifesaving, life-sustaining, and other resources necessary
20 to respond to the no notice or short notice hazard represented by a
21 seismic catastrophic incident. Schools with their large number of
22 vulnerable children, will need focused additional assistance to plan
23 for seismic risks.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 38.52.030 and 2019 c 471 s 3 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The director may employ such personnel and may make such
27 expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds
28 made available for purposes of emergency management, as may be
29 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

1 (2) The director, subject to the direction and control of the
2 governor, shall be responsible to the governor for carrying out the
3 program for emergency management of this state. The director shall
4 coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency
5 management within the state, and shall maintain liaison with and
6 cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of
7 other states and of the federal government, and shall have such
8 additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by this
9 chapter, as may be prescribed by the governor.

10 (3) The director shall develop and maintain a comprehensive, all-
11 hazard emergency plan and a catastrophic incident emergency response
12 plan for the state which shall include an analysis of the natural,
13 technological, or human-caused hazards which could affect the state
14 of Washington, and shall include the procedures to be used during
15 emergencies for coordinating local resources, as necessary, and the
16 resources of all state agencies, departments, commissions, and
17 boards. The comprehensive emergency management plan shall direct the
18 department in times of state emergency to administer and manage the
19 state's emergency operations center. This will include representation
20 from all appropriate state agencies and be available as a single
21 point of contact for the authorizing of state resources or actions,
22 including emergency permits. The comprehensive emergency management
23 plan must specify the use of the incident command system for
24 multiagency/multijurisdiction operations. The comprehensive, all-
25 hazard emergency plan authorized under this subsection may not
26 include preparation for emergency evacuation or relocation of
27 residents in anticipation of nuclear attack. This plan shall be known
28 as the comprehensive emergency management plan.

29 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
30 specific purpose, the director may develop guidance, in consultation
31 with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, that may
32 be used by local school districts in developing, maintaining,
33 training, and exercising catastrophic incident plans.

34 (5) In accordance with the comprehensive emergency management
35 plans and the programs for the emergency management of this state,
36 the director shall procure supplies and equipment, institute training
37 programs and public information programs, and shall take all other
38 preparatory steps, including the partial or full mobilization of
39 emergency management organizations in advance of actual disaster, to

1 insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of
2 emergency management personnel in time of need.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The director shall make such studies and surveys of
4 the industries, resources, and facilities in this state as may be
5 necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the state for emergency
6 management, and shall plan for the most efficient emergency use
7 thereof.

8 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The emergency management council shall advise the
9 director on all aspects of the communications and warning systems and
10 facilities operated or controlled under the provisions of this
11 chapter.

12 ~~((+7))~~ (8) The director, through the state enhanced 911
13 coordinator, shall coordinate and facilitate implementation and
14 operation of a statewide enhanced 911 emergency communications
15 network.

16 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The director shall appoint a state coordinator of
17 search and rescue operations to coordinate those state resources,
18 services and facilities (other than those for which the state
19 director of aeronautics is directly responsible) requested by
20 political subdivisions in support of search and rescue operations,
21 and on request to maintain liaison with and coordinate the resources,
22 services, and facilities of political subdivisions when more than one
23 political subdivision is engaged in joint search and rescue
24 operations.

25 ~~((+9))~~ (10) The director, subject to the direction and control
26 of the governor, shall prepare and administer a state program for
27 emergency assistance to individuals within the state who are victims
28 of a natural, technological, or human-caused disaster, as defined by
29 RCW 38.52.010~~((+6))~~ (9). Such program may be integrated into and
30 coordinated with disaster assistance plans and programs of the
31 federal government which provide to the state, or through the state
32 to any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies,
33 materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan for purposes of
34 assistance to individuals affected by a disaster. Further, such
35 program may include, but shall not be limited to, grants, loans, or
36 gifts of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds of the
37 state, or any political subdivision thereof, to individuals who, as a
38 result of a disaster, are in need of assistance and who meet
39 standards of eligibility for disaster assistance established by the
40 department of social and health services: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That

1 nothing herein shall be construed in any manner inconsistent with the
2 provisions of Article VIII, section 5 or section 7 of the Washington
3 state Constitution.

4 ~~((10))~~ (11) The director shall appoint a state coordinator for
5 radioactive and hazardous waste emergency response programs. The
6 coordinator shall consult with the state radiation control officer in
7 matters relating to radioactive materials. The duties of the state
8 coordinator for radioactive and hazardous waste emergency response
9 programs shall include:

10 (a) Assessing the current needs and capabilities of state and
11 local radioactive and hazardous waste emergency response teams on an
12 ongoing basis;

13 (b) Coordinating training programs for state and local officials
14 for the purpose of updating skills relating to emergency mitigation,
15 preparedness, response, and recovery;

16 (c) Utilizing appropriate training programs such as those offered
17 by the federal emergency management agency, the department of
18 transportation and the environmental protection agency; and

19 (d) Undertaking other duties in this area that are deemed
20 appropriate by the director.

21 ~~((11))~~ (12) The director is responsible to the governor to lead
22 the development and management of a program for interagency
23 coordination and prioritization of continuity of operations planning
24 by state agencies. Each state agency is responsible for developing an
25 organizational continuity of operations plan that is updated and
26 exercised annually in compliance with the program for interagency
27 coordination of continuity of operations planning.

28 ~~((12))~~ (13) The director shall maintain a copy of the
29 continuity of operations plan for election operations for each county
30 that has a plan available.

31 ~~((13))~~ (14) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated
32 for this specific purpose, the director is responsible to the
33 governor to lead the development and management of a program to
34 provide information and education to state and local government
35 officials regarding catastrophic incidents and continuity of
36 government planning to assist with statewide development of
37 continuity of government plans by all levels and branches of state
38 and local government that address how essential government functions

1 and services will continue to be provided following a catastrophic
2 incident."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes provisions to create a functional recovery task force. Removes definitions of "functional recovery standard," "emergency services building," and "catastrophic incident." Updates underlying provisions of the bill to account for changes in statute made by legislation passed in the previous session.

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