

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4677, by Representative Donaghy

1       WHEREAS, The State of Washington is concerned about the well-  
2 being and safety of its residents and businesses, and seeks to  
3 provide resilient communities, where resilience is defined as a  
4 community's ability to withstand chronic stresses and acute shocks  
5 while still maintaining essential functions and recovering quickly  
6 and effectively; and

7       WHEREAS, Extreme weather events are occurring more frequently;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The State of Washington sits on the Cascadia Subduction  
10 Zone, a 1,000 kilometer long subduction zone stretching from British  
11 Columbia to Oregon and could generate a 9.0 magnitude earthquake; and

12       WHEREAS, Access to energy during and soon after a natural  
13 disaster can improve recovery timelines and maintain access to  
14 critical services such as health care, food, and drinking water; and

15       WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry has a history of first  
16 response actions in the event of a disaster, including removing over  
17 500,000 people from lower Manhattan during the terrorist attacks of  
18 September 11, 2001, and delivering food, water, baby formula, fuel,  
19 electrical generators, and more to Maui after the devastating  
20 wildfires of August 2023; and

21       WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry in Washington State  
22 employs 22,500 men and women that generate \$1.5 billion in labor  
23 income; and

1       WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry in Washington State  
2 stands ready to serve Washington residents in the event of natural  
3 disaster; and

4       WHEREAS, The domestic maritime industry is a critical component  
5 to the economy of Washington State and its ability to recover rapidly  
6 from natural disasters;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House  
8 affirm its resolute support for the domestic maritime industry's  
9 ability to serve Washingtonians in the event of a natural disaster.

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