On page 330, after line 16, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 953. JOINT COMMITTEE ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

(1) The legislature finds that the frequency and severity of natural disasters take a toll on states and their budgets and has stressed federal agencies and their capacity to respond. While the highest priority in preparing for and responding to disasters is saving lives, the state also must define, protect, and restore critical infrastructure to protect lives and help people and communities recover and rebuild.

(2) The joint select committee on critical infrastructure is established with membership as follows:

(a) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate committees on: (i) state government, tribal relations, and elections; and (ii) environment, energy, and technology;

(b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses in the senate appointed by the president of the senate;

(c) The chair and ranking minority member of the house of representative committees on: (i) housing, community development, and veterans; and (ii) public safety; and

(d) One member from each of the two largest caucuses in the house of representatives appointed by the speaker.

(3) The committee shall choose a chair or co-chairs from among its members. The chair of the senate state government, tribal relations, and elections committee and the chair of the house of representatives housing, community development, and veterans committee will convene the first meeting of the committee.
(4) The committee must, among other things:
   
   (a) Make a recommendation for funding an all hazard mitigation analysis;

   (b) Analyze levels of insurance and the viability of parametric insurance;

   (c) Review current approaches and plans for reducing loss of life, mitigating property losses, and recovering and rebuilding in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophe;

   (d) Define critical infrastructure that must be protected and restored in order to reduce loss of life, mitigate property losses, and enable communities to recover and rebuild in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophe; and

   (e) Make findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation if applicable, on protecting and restoring critical infrastructure in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophe.

(5) The committee should seek input broadly, particularly from experts at all levels of government, tribes, and the private sector, and include both standard and innovative approaches to rebuild and recover, including financing these efforts. Examples of monetary assistance includes federal disaster programs for public and private recovery efforts, state and local bonding for public infrastructure, and insurance, including parametric insurance policies.

(6) Staff support for the committee is provided by the house of representatives office of program research and senate committee services.

(7) Legislative members of the committee must be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. The expenses of the committee must paid jointly by the senate and the house of representatives and expenditures are subject to the approval of the senate facilities and operations committee and the house executive rules committee.
1 (8) The committee shall report its findings and any
2 recommendations or proposed legislation to the committees identified
3 in subsection (2)(a) and (2)(c) of this section by December 15, 2019.
4 (9) This section expires on December 31, 2019."
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6 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct and internal
7 references accordingly.
8 Correct the title.
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10 **EFFECT:** Establishes a twelve-member Legislative Joint Select
Committee on Critical Infrastructure. Directs the Committee to
report to appropriate legislative committees by December 15, 2019,
regarding critical infrastructure that must be protected and
restored to reduce loss of life, mitigate property losses and enable
community recovery in the event of a natural disaster or other
catastrophe.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No net change to appropriated levels.

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