

**SSB 5106** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Housing, Community Development & Veterans

**NOT CONSIDERED 04/12/2019**

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that residents of  
4 this state have been impacted by natural disasters such as floods,  
5 landslides, wildfires, and earthquakes and continue to be at risk  
6 from these and other natural disasters. In 2016, insured losses from  
7 natural disasters in the United States totaled almost twenty-four  
8 billion dollars. In 2015, Washington state had the largest wildfire  
9 season in state history, with more than one million acres burned and  
10 costing more than two hundred fifty-three million dollars. In 2017,  
11 four hundred four thousand two hundred twenty-three acres burned in  
12 Washington state and there were more than four hundred thirty  
13 national flood insurance program claims filed, totaling over seven  
14 million dollars.

15 The legislature finds that Washington state has the second  
16 highest earthquake risk in the nation, estimated by the federal  
17 emergency management agency to exceed four hundred thirty-eight  
18 million dollars per year. The 2001 Nisqually earthquake caused more  
19 than two billion dollars in damage. A Seattle fault earthquake will  
20 cause an estimated thirty-three billion dollars in damage, and a  
21 Cascadia subduction zone earthquake will cause an estimated amount of  
22 over forty-nine billion dollars in damage.

23 The legislature finds that it is critical to better prepare this  
24 state for disasters and to put in place strategies to mitigate the  
25 impacts of disasters. To address this critical need, the legislature  
26 is creating a work group to review disaster mitigation and  
27 preparation projects in this state and other states, make  
28 recommendations regarding how to coordinate and expand state efforts  
29 to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters, and evaluate whether an  
30 ongoing disaster resiliency program should be created.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 48.02  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) A work group to study and make recommendations on natural  
4    disaster and resiliency activities is hereby created. The work group  
5    membership shall be composed of:

6        (a) The insurance commissioner or his or her designee, who shall  
7    serve as the chair of the work group;

8        (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
9    of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
10   representatives;

11       (c) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
12   senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

13       (d) A representative from the governor's resilient Washington  
14   work group;

15       (e) A representative from the Washington state association of  
16   counties;

17       (f) A representative from the association of Washington cities;

18       (g) A representative from the state building code council;

19       (h) The commissioner of the department of natural resources or  
20   his or her designee;

21       (i) The director of the Washington state military department or  
22   his or her designee;

23       (j) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her  
24   designee;

25       (k) The secretary of the state department of transportation or  
26   his or her designee;

27       (l) The director of the department of ecology or his or her  
28   designee;

29       (m) The director of the department of commerce or his or her  
30   designee;

31       (n) A representative from the Washington association of building  
32   officials;

33       (o) A representative from the building industry association of  
34   Washington;

35       (p) Two representatives from the property and casualty insurance  
36   industry, to be selected by the insurance commissioner or his or her  
37   designee, through an application process;

38       (q) A representative of emergency and transitional housing  
39   providers, to be appointed by the office of the insurance  
40   commissioner;

1 (r) A representative from public utility districts to be selected  
2 by a state association of public utility districts;

3 (s) A representative of water and sewer districts to be selected  
4 by a state association of water and sewer districts;

5 (t) A representative selected by the Washington state commission  
6 on African-American affairs, the Washington state commission on  
7 Hispanic affairs, the governor's office of Indian affairs, and the  
8 Washington state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs to  
9 represent the entities on the work group;

10 (u) A representative from the state department of agriculture;

11 (v) A representative from the state conservation commission as  
12 defined in RCW 89.08.030;

13 (w) A representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe with  
14 a reservation located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, to  
15 be appointed by the governor;

16 (x) A representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe with  
17 a reservation located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, to  
18 be appointed by the governor; and

19 (y) Other state agency representatives or stakeholder group  
20 representatives, at the discretion of the work group, for the purpose  
21 of participating in specific topic discussions or subcommittees.

22 (2) The work group shall engage in the following activities:

23 (a) Review disaster mitigation and resiliency activities being  
24 done in this state by public and private entities;

25 (b) Review disaster mitigation and resiliency activities being  
26 done in other states and at the federal level;

27 (c) Review information on uptake in this state for disaster  
28 related insurance, such as flood and earthquake insurance;

29 (d) Review information on how other states are coordinating  
30 disaster mitigation and resiliency work including, but not limited  
31 to, the work of entities such as the California earthquake authority;

32 (e) Review how other states and the federal government fund their  
33 disaster mitigation and resiliency activities and programs; and

34 (f) Make recommendations to the legislature and office of the  
35 insurance commissioner regarding:

36 (i) Whether this state should create an ongoing disaster  
37 resiliency program;

38 (ii) What activities the program should engage in;

39 (iii) How the program should coordinate with state agencies and  
40 other entities engaged in disaster mitigation and resiliency work;

1 (iv) Where the program should be housed; and  
2 (v) How the program should be funded.  
3 (3) The work group shall submit, in compliance with RCW  
4 43.01.036, a preliminary report of recommendations to the  
5 legislature, the office of the insurance commissioner, the governor,  
6 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and the  
7 commissioner of public lands by November 1, 2019, and a final report  
8 by December 1, 2020."

9 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Adds the following members to the work group: The Secretary of the state Department of Transportation or his or her designee; a representative from the Building Industry Association of Washington; a representative of emergency and transitional housing providers; a representative of water and sewer districts; and two representatives of federally recognized Indian tribes.

(2) Specifies that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate appoint the legislative members to the work group.

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