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**Innovation, Community & Economic  
Development, & Veterans Committee**

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**HB 1728**

**Brief Description:** Creating a statewide resiliency program.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Donaghy, Rule, Reeves, Morgan, Ramel, Reed and Leavitt.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Military Department to develop and administer a statewide resiliency program.

**Hearing Date:** 2/8/23

**Staff:** Cassie Jones (786-7303).

**Background:**

The Military Department, under the direction of the Adjutant General, administers the state's comprehensive program of emergency management. The Adjutant General is responsible for developing a comprehensive, all-hazard emergency plan for the state, known as the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, that includes an analysis of natural, technological, or human-caused hazards and procedures to coordinate state and local resources in responding to such hazards.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Emergency Management Division within the Military Department must develop and administer a statewide resiliency program. The program should include:

- methods for ensuring ongoing coordination of state and local resiliency and response activities, including:

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- developing, administering, tracking, and communicating progress of overall resiliency efforts;
- coordinating funding to maximize federal, state, local, and private investments;
- serving as a public and private resiliency resource center; and
- enhancing interagency collaboration, education, and outreach programs;
- a coordinated long-term resiliency strategy for addressing the impacts of all hazards, both natural and human-caused, including:
  - developing, coordinating, and communicating resiliency initiatives and projects across state agencies and local governments, including initiatives and projects supporting climate resiliency;
  - conducting policy research and recommendations related to enhancing resiliency;
  - coordinating research, data collection, and analysis;
  - researching economic tools to address resiliency; and
  - recommending investments to mitigate risks from all hazards; and
- support functions to agencies, departments, tribes, and other stakeholders to develop solutions that improve the resiliency of the state's waters, forests, and other vital ecosystems to the impacts of climate change, and increase their carbon pollution reduction capacity through sequestration, storage, and overall ecosystem integrity.

"Resiliency" means the ability to prepare, mitigate, plan for, withstand, recover from, and more successfully adapt to adverse events and changing conditions, and reorganize in an equitable manner that results in a new and better condition.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 2, 2023.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.