

SHB 2299 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5008.1/18) **1109**
By Representative Shea

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1 On page 408, after line 28, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 917.** A new section is added to 2017 3rd sp.
3 s. c 1 (uncodified) to read as follows:

4 (1) The legislature finds that the frequency and severity of
5 natural disasters are taking a toll on states and their budgets and
6 has stressed federal agencies and their capacity to respond. While
7 the highest priority in preparing for and responding to disasters is
8 saving lives, defining, protecting, and restoring critical
9 infrastructure is crucial to saving lives and helping people and
10 communities recover and rebuild.

11 (2) The joint legislative task force on critical infrastructure is
12 established with membership as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 (3) The task force shall choose a chair or co-chairs from among
24 its members. The chair of the senate state government, tribal
25 relations, and elections committee and the chair of the house of
26 representatives community development, housing, and tribal affairs
27 committee will convene the first meeting of the task force.

1 (4) The task force must, among other things:

2 (a) Make a recommendation for funding an all hazard mitigation
3 analysis;

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

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

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

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

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

24 (6) The task force will be staffed by the house office of program
25 research and senate committee services.

26 (7) The task force shall report its findings and any
27 recommendations or proposed legislation to the committees identified
28 in subsection (2)(a) and (2)(c) of this section by December 15, 2018.

29 (8) This section expires on December 31, 2018."
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31 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
32 references accordingly.

33 Correct the title.
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EFFECT: Establishes a twelve-member Joint Legislative Task Force on Critical Infrastructure. Directs the Task Force to report to appropriate legislative committees by December 15, 2018, 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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