

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a state administered public infrastructure assistance program within the emergency management division.

Sponsors: House Committee on Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Timmons, Abbarno, Leavitt, Ryu, Ramel, Reed, Ormsby, Rule, Donaghy, Doglio, Cheney, Reeves, Wylie, Paul and Shavers; by request of Military Department).

House Committee on Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on State Government & Elections
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

The Military Department (Department), under the direction of the state's Adjutant General, is responsible for administering a comprehensive emergency management program for the state. Each political subdivision of the state must establish or jointly create a local organization for carrying out emergency management functions in accordance with the state's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

The Adjutant General is required to administer a state program for emergency assistance to individuals who are victims of a natural, technological, or human-caused disaster. The emergency assistance program may include grants, loans, gifts of services, equipment, supplies, or funds to individuals who need assistance and who meet certain eligibility standards.

Summary:

The Adjutant General is authorized to administer a program for emergency assistance to county governments and federally recognized tribal governments that experience or respond

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to public infrastructure damage due to a natural, technological, or human-caused disaster.

The Department may initiate rule making to address the distribution of funds from county governments to recipients within the county.

"Public infrastructure assistance" is generally defined to mean supplementary state assistance provided to county governments and federally recognized tribal governments when authorized under an emergency proclamation of the Governor for the cost of disaster-related public property debris removal, emergency protective measures to protect life and property, and permanent repair work to damaged or destroyed public infrastructure.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 46 0

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