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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 319

Introduced by Assembly Member Nava

February 13, 2007

An act to add Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 8584.2) to Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 319, as amended, Nava. Emergencies: tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation.

Existing law provides that the Director of the Office of Emergency Services is responsible for coordinating the emergency activities of all state agencies in connection with a state of emergency.

This bill would enact the Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Act of 2007, to establish the California Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities in the state, as specified. It would require the Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with the steering committee, to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to assist local governments in preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the effects of tsunamis, as specified. *It would specify that these provisions would be implemented only to the extent federal funding is made available for that purpose.*

By requiring coastal counties to participate in the California Tsunami Steering Committee and requiring local coastal jurisdictions to develop

tsunami evacuation routes and maps, this bill would impose a state-mandated program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 8584.2)
2 is added to Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 4.7. Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Act
6 of 2007
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8 8584.2. This article shall be known and may be cited as the
9 Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Act of 2007.

10 8584.3. The California Tsunami Hazard Preparedness and
11 Mitigation Steering Committee is hereby established in state
12 government and shall consist of ~~a total of 22 members, representing~~
13 *representatives* of the following entities:

- 14 (a) The Office of Emergency Services.
- 15 (b) The California Geological Survey.
- 16 (c) The Seismic Safety Commission.
- 17 (d) The Department of Transportation.
- 18 (e) The California Coastal Commission.
- 19 (f) The Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 20 (g) The 15 coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Los
- 21 Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San
- 22 Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa
- 23 Cruz, Sonoma, and Ventura.
- 24 (h) One port district affected by a possible tsunami hazard.
- 25 (i) *Other state and local agencies as deemed appropriate by*
- 26 *the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.*

1 8584.4. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish
2 a statewide tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program
3 to assist local governments in preparing for, responding to, and
4 mitigating the effects of tsunamis.

5 (b) The Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with the
6 steering committee, shall establish the policy goals and priorities
7 of the tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program that
8 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

9 (1) Review and assessment of existing tsunami hazard
10 preparedness and mitigation programs to identify best practices
11 and program gaps in existing tsunami preparedness and mitigation
12 programs.

13 (2) Update the Office of Emergency Services' Local Planning
14 Guide on Tsunami Response and make recommendations to
15 government agencies, based upon its findings from the assessment
16 of existing programs, to enhance tsunami hazard planning,
17 response, and mitigation efforts, including public awareness and
18 education campaigns and programs, emergency communications
19 and alert notification programs and systems, emergency evacuation
20 policies and procedures, tsunami warning and evacuation route
21 signage programs, and programs that address the special needs of
22 vulnerable populations.

23 (3) Convene workshops in the operational areas in the 15 coastal
24 counties to discuss new technologies, policy changes in the national
25 tsunami hazard mitigation program, and funding opportunities for
26 local planning and mitigation programs. These workshops should
27 also include tabletop exercises and after action reports to identify
28 areas where improvements could be made to state and local plans.

29 (c) The Office of Emergency Services shall produce inundation
30 maps and inundation modeling for the entire coast and coastal
31 ports and harbors.

32 (d) The Office of Emergency Services shall, in its review of
33 local government general plan safety elements and emergency
34 response plans of coastal communities, ensure that these plans
35 recognize tsunami hazards. The office shall make recommendations
36 to the local plans to reduce the risks associated with tsunamis.

37 8584.5. *This article shall be implemented only to the extent*
38 *that federal funding is made available for that purpose.*

39 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
40 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to

- 1 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
- 2 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 3 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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