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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 319**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nava**

February 13, 2007

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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, *composed of representatives from state and local entities*, 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. *This bill would provide that participation in the statewide*

*tsunami hazard mitigation program established by the office is discretionary on behalf of local governmental entities.*

By requiring coastal counties *and other local agencies* 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 *local* 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 representatives of the following  
13 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 Department of Finance.*
- 21 ~~(g)~~

1 (h) The 15 coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Los  
2 Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San  
3 Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa  
4 Cruz, Sonoma, and Ventura.

5 ~~(h)~~

6 (i) One port district affected by a possible tsunami hazard.

7 ~~(i)~~

8 (j) Other state and local agencies as deemed appropriate by the  
9 Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

10 8584.4. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish  
11 a statewide tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program  
12 to assist local governments in preparing for, responding to, and  
13 mitigating the effects of tsunamis. *Participation in the statewide*  
14 *tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program established*  
15 *by the office shall be discretionary on behalf of local governmental*  
16 *entities.*

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

21 (1) Review and assessment of existing tsunami hazard  
22 preparedness and mitigation programs to identify best practices  
23 and program gaps in existing tsunami preparedness and mitigation  
24 programs.

25 (2) Update the Office of Emergency Services' Local Planning  
26 Guide on Tsunami Response, *or any similar document produced*  
27 *by a successor entity to the Office of Emergency Services,* and  
28 make recommendations to government agencies, based upon its  
29 findings from the assessment of existing programs, to enhance  
30 tsunami hazard planning, response, and mitigation efforts, including  
31 public awareness and education campaigns and programs,  
32 emergency communications and alert notification programs and  
33 systems, emergency evacuation policies and procedures, tsunami  
34 warning and evacuation route signage programs, and programs  
35 that address the special needs of vulnerable populations.

36 (3) Convene workshops in the operational areas in the 15 coastal  
37 counties to discuss new technologies, policy changes in the national  
38 tsunami hazard mitigation program, and funding opportunities for  
39 local planning and mitigation programs. These workshops should

1 also include tabletop exercises and after action reports to identify  
2 areas where improvements could be made to state and local plans.

3 (c) The Office of Emergency Services shall produce inundation  
4 maps and inundation modeling for the entire coast and coastal  
5 ports and harbors.

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

11 8584.5. This article shall be implemented only to the extent  
12 that federal funding is made available for that purpose.

13 8584.6. *For purposes of this article, all references to the Office*  
14 *of Emergency Services shall also apply to any successor entity to*  
15 *that office.*

16 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
17 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
18 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
19 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
20 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.