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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, 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, 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 *the following* representatives of
13 ~~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 Department of Finance.~~

1 (a) *The Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or his or*
2 *her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the committee.*

3 (b) *The State Geologist of the California Geological Survey, or*
4 *his or her designee.*

5 (c) *The Executive Director of the Seismic Safety Commission,*
6 *or his or her designee.*

7 (d) *The Director of Transportation, or his or her designee.*

8 (e) *The Executive Director of the California Coastal*
9 *Commission, or his or her designee.*

10 (f) *The Director of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee.*

11 (g) *The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.*

12 (h) *The Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or*
13 *equivalent agency as determined by the chair of the committee, of*
14 *the 15 coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Los Angeles,*
15 *Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco,*
16 *San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma,*
17 *and Ventura, or their designees.*

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

19 ~~(j)~~

20 (i) *Other state and local agencies, including one port district*
21 *affected by a possible tsunami hazard, as deemed appropriate by*
22 *the Director of the Office of Emergency Services.*

23 8584.4. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish
24 a statewide tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program
25 to assist local governments in preparing for, responding to, and
26 mitigating the effects of tsunamis. Participation in the statewide
27 tsunami hazard preparedness and mitigation program established
28 by the office shall be discretionary on behalf of local governmental
29 entities.

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

34 (1) Review and assessment of existing tsunami hazard
35 preparedness and mitigation programs to identify best practices
36 and program gaps in existing tsunami preparedness and mitigation
37 programs.

38 (2) Update the Office of Emergency Services' Local Planning
39 Guide on Tsunami Response, or any similar document produced
40 by a successor entity to the Office of Emergency Services, and

1 make recommendations to government agencies, based upon its
 2 findings from the assessment of existing programs, to enhance
 3 tsunami hazard planning, response, and mitigation efforts, including
 4 public awareness and education campaigns and programs,
 5 emergency communications and alert notification programs and
 6 systems, emergency evacuation policies and procedures, tsunami
 7 warning and evacuation route signage programs, and programs
 8 that address the special needs of vulnerable populations.

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

15 (c) The Office of Emergency Services shall produce inundation
 16 maps and inundation modeling for the entire coast and coastal
 17 ports and harbors.

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

23 8584.5. This article shall be implemented only to the extent
 24 that federal funding is made available for that purpose.

25 8584.6. For purposes of this article, all references to the Office
 26 of Emergency Services shall also apply to any successor entity to
 27 that office.

28 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
 29 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
 30 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
 31 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
 32 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.