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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2852**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nava**

February 24, 2006

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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 2852, as amended, Nava. Emergencies: tsunami hazard 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 establish the California Tsunami Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities in the state, as specified. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communication, response, and mitigation in the event of a tsunami.

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 Mitigation Act of 2006  
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7 8584.2. This article shall be known and may be cited as the  
8 Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Act of 2006.

9 8584.3. The California Tsunami Steering Committee is  
10 hereby established in state government to guide tsunami hazard  
11 preparation activities in the state, including the statewide tsunami  
12 hazard mitigation program, and to set priorities for use of federal  
13 funding. The steering committee shall be comprised of the  
14 following agencies:

- 15 (a) The Office of Emergency Services.
- 16 (b) The California Geological Survey.
- 17 (c) The Seismic Safety Commission.
- 18 (d) The Department of Transportation.
- 19 (e) The California Coastal Commission.
- 20 (f) The Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 21 (g) The 15 coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Los  
22 Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Orange, San Diego, San  
23 Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa  
24 Cruz, Sonoma, and Ventura.

25 (h) *A representative from one port district affected by a*  
26 *possible tsunami hazard.*

27 8584.4. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish  
28 a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to maintain  
29 consistent planning efforts regarding preparation,

1 communication, response, and mitigation in the event of a  
2 tsunami. The office shall pursue the necessary funding to carry  
3 out this article through the normal budget process, from federal  
4 funding, or from private funding sources.

5 (b) The statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program  
6 responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

7 (1) Take inventory of, assess, and coordinate existing tsunami  
8 hazard mitigation programs.

9 (2) Work with local jurisdictions to incorporate tsunami  
10 hazard mitigation planning into local all-hazard mitigation  
11 planning and risk abatement efforts.

12 (3) Define gaps in preparation, communication, interagency  
13 planning and cooperation, response plans, and mitigation  
14 programs at the state and local levels.

15 (4) Determine appropriate Office of Emergency Services or  
16 Tsunami Steering Committee oversight of city and county  
17 tsunami plan working groups.

18 (5) Update the Office of Emergency Services’ “Local Planning  
19 Guidance on Tsunami Response” document as needed.

20 (6) Define accountability mechanisms to ensure local plans are  
21 drafted to comply with the Office of Emergency Services’ “Local  
22 Planning Guidance on Tsunami Response” document.

23 (7) Provide the following tsunami hazard preparation  
24 measures:

25 (A) Provide tsunami inundation mapping for all coastal  
26 counties.

27 (B) Take inventory of, and distribute tsunami inundation  
28 mapping for all coastal counties.

29 (C) Take inventory of tsunami hazard signage for coastal areas  
30 within inundation zones.

31 (D) Mandate local coastal jurisdictions to develop tsunami  
32 evacuation routes and maps. These maps should be included in  
33 all-hazard or hazard specific public awareness campaigns.

34 (E) Clarify chain of command for local or state-ordered  
35 evacuations.

36 (F) Identify special needs populations for coastal counties and  
37 address evacuation procedures for these communities and  
38 individuals. These populations should include:

39 (i) Disabled individuals.

40 (ii) Limited English proficiency populations.

- 1 (iii) Elderly residents.
- 2 (iv) Hospital patients.
- 3 (G) Provide for evacuation site signage.
- 4 (H) Improve public education and awareness programs by
- 5 performing necessary actions, including, but not limited to, the
- 6 following:
  - 7 (i) Identifying target populations.
  - 8 (ii) Incorporating tsunami education into earthquake education
  - 9 programs in coastal communities.
  - 10 (iii) Incorporating tsunami education into disaster education
  - 11 curricula and programs for all schools.
  - 12 (iv) Providing multilingual written materials for coastal
  - 13 counties with a substantial number of non-English-speaking
  - 14 people, as defined in Section 7296.2.
  - 15 (v) Creating Internet resources for individuals to access
  - 16 information about tsunami preparedness.
- 17 (I) Produce training and workshops to educate local
- 18 emergency managers and first responder entities on application
- 19 of tsunami specific response plans and evacuation plans.
- 20 (8) Assess federal and state procedures and equipment for
- 21 tsunami warning systems and warning cancellations.
- 22 (9) Investigate and make recommendations on how to alert
- 23 local agencies more efficiently on tsunami advisories, warnings,
- 24 and warning cancellations.
- 25 (10) Identify needs for communications and emergency
- 26 response networks and make recommendations to accommodate
- 27 those needs.
- 28 (11) Monitor frequency of false alarms and associated costs
- 29 and make recommendations to reduce false alarms and associated
- 30 costs.
- 31 (12) Assess integration of earthquake seismic networks and
- 32 tsunami warning systems.
- 33 (13) Coordinate with other states to clarify tsunami alerts,
- 34 warnings, and warning cancellations from different sources and
- 35 educate local jurisdictions on how to respond to differing
- 36 warning systems.
- 37 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines
- 38 that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement
- 39 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be

- 1 made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of
- 2 Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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