

HB 2687

Relating to emergency preparedness

HB 2687 establishes the Resiliency Grant Fund, capitalized with proceeds from Article XI-Q bonds, and creates a grant program in the Office of Emergency Management to distribute or provide grants to purchase emergency equipment at the local level. The bill directs the Homeland Security Council to develop a list of needed equipment, and exempts equipment acquisition from the Public Contracting Code. The Office of Emergency Management must maintain an inventory and conduct inspections of equipment purchased under the program.

The recommended amendment removes bond authorization language from the bill. Bond authorizations are made under SB 5506.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2687 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.