

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 850**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “planning” delete the rest of  
2 the line and insert “; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission**  
5 **shall establish a committee under ORS 401.925 to assist the commis-**  
6 **sion in conducting a review of policy options, prepare a summary of**  
7 **existing reports and studies by state agencies and prepare recommen-**  
8 **dations for policy measures to protect lives and preserve residential**  
9 **housing following a major earthquake or tsunami event.**

10 **“(2) In carrying out duties under this section, the committee shall:**

11 **“(a) Investigate alternatives for providing adequate earthquake in-**  
12 **surance coverage for residential property owners in the state without**  
13 **establishing a state-run insurer;**

14 **“(b) Investigate best practices and effective means for making res-**  
15 **idential property owners in the state aware of the need for earthquake**  
16 **and tsunami insurance coverage for residential property;**

17 **“(c) Investigate barriers, including barriers of affordability and**  
18 **availability, that prevent residential property owners from obtaining**  
19 **earthquake and tsunami insurance coverage;**

20 **“(d) Investigate other issues related to providing adequate insur-**  
21 **ance for residential property owners against major earthquake and**

1 tsunami events;

2 “(e) Obtain research, testimony, advice, consultation and informa-  
3 tion from experts in the fields of disaster preparation and manage-  
4 ment, risk assessment and management, insurance coverage and  
5 related topics; and

6 “(f) Undertake any other or related activities that are necessary to  
7 carry out this section.

8 “(3) The committee shall consult with the State Resilience Officer  
9 and with other state government officials and entities to assemble an  
10 integrated view of current capabilities for earthquake response and  
11 recovery and current gaps in resilience planning related to earthquake  
12 and tsunami insurance.

13 “(4) The committee shall prepare one or more reports summarizing  
14 the findings of the committee and including any recommendations of  
15 the commission. A report prepared under this subsection shall address  
16 both insurance providers and other professionals and residential  
17 property owners in appropriate language.

18 “(5) Any entity within the executive department having expertise  
19 in matters relevant to the work of the committee shall provide the  
20 state agencies identified in ORS 401.922 with assistance and supple-  
21 mental staff support services reasonable and necessary to ensure the  
22 carrying out of committee duties. As used in this subsection, ‘execu-  
23 tive department’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.112.

24 “(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are  
25 directed to assist the committee in the performance of the  
26 committee’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
27 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
28 committee consider necessary to perform their duties.

29 “(7) Notwithstanding ORS 401.925, members of a committee formed  
30 under this section are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement

1 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the committee.

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission**  
3 **shall establish a committee under ORS 401.925 to assist the commis-**  
4 **sion in conducting a review of policy options, prepare a summary of**  
5 **existing reports and studies by state agencies and prepare recommen-**  
6 **dations for policy measures to protect lives during and after a major**  
7 **earthquake or tsunami event, including but not limited to policy**  
8 **measures to address mass care and mass displacement strategies.**

9 **“(2) In carrying out duties under this section, the committee shall**  
10 **investigate alternatives and attempt to identify best practices and ef-**  
11 **fective means for state and local government and Indian tribes to**  
12 **prepare for the mass care, mass displacement and other catastrophic**  
13 **consequences of a major earthquake or tsunami event, including but**  
14 **not limited to:**

15 **“(a) The provision of temporary shelters and semipermanent and**  
16 **permanent housing;**

17 **“(b) Supplying adequate food and water;**

18 **“(c) Supplying emergency health services; and**

19 **“(d) Providing transition services and recovery assistance.**

20 **“(3) The committee may obtain research, testimony, advice, con-**  
21 **sultation and information from experts in the fields of emergency**  
22 **management, emergency response and recovery and related topics.**

23 **“(4) The committee may undertake any other or related activities**  
24 **that are necessary to carry out this section.**

25 **“(5) The committee shall consult with the State Resilience Officer**  
26 **and with other state government officials and entities to assemble an**  
27 **integrated view of current capabilities for addressing mass care, mass**  
28 **displacement and other catastrophic consequences of major earth-**  
29 **quake and tsunami events.**

30 **“(6) The committee shall prepare a report summarizing the findings**

1 of the committee and including any recommendations of the commis-  
2 sion regarding mass care, mass displacement and other strategies for  
3 use by state and local governments and Indian tribes in preparing for  
4 and dealing with the consequences of a major earthquake or tsunami  
5 event. A report prepared under this subsection must address officials  
6 of state and local governments and Indian tribes in appropriate lan-  
7 guage.

8 “(7) Any entity within the executive department having expertise  
9 in matters relevant to the work of the committee shall provide the  
10 state agencies identified in ORS 401.922 with assistance and supple-  
11 mental staff support services reasonable and necessary to ensure the  
12 carrying out of committee duties. As used in this subsection, ‘execu-  
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14 “(8) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are  
15 directed to assist the committee in the performance of the  
16 committee’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
17 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
18 committee consider necessary to perform their duties.

19 “(9) Notwithstanding ORS 401.925, members of a committee formed  
20 under this section are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement  
21 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the committee.

22 **“SECTION 3.** The Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission shall  
23 compile the reports prepared by committees under sections 1 and 2 of  
24 this 2017 Act using the reporting format used in the Task Force on  
25 Resilience Plan Implementation report prepared under chapter 512,  
26 Oregon Laws 2013. The commission shall deliver the formatted reports  
27 to the State Resilience Officer no later than September 30, 2018.

28 **“SECTION 4.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2017 Act are repealed January  
29 2, 2019.

30 **“SECTION 5.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate

1 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
2 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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