

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 44.37.067 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 44.37.067. Powers and duties.** (a) The commission shall

5 (1) recommend goals and priorities for seismic **and tsunami** hazard
6 mitigation to the public and private sectors;

7 (2) recommend policies to the governor and the legislature, including
8 needed research, mapping, and monitoring programs;

9 (3) offer advice on coordinating disaster preparedness and seismic **and**
10 **tsunami** hazard mitigation activities of government at all levels, review the practices
11 for recovery and reconstruction after a major earthquake **or tsunami**, and recommend
12 improvements to mitigate losses from similar future events;

13 (4) gather, analyze, and disseminate information of general interest on
14 seismic **and tsunami** hazard mitigation;

15 (5) establish and maintain necessary working relationships with other

1 public and private agencies;

2 (6) review predictions and warnings issued by the federal government,
3 research institutions, and other organizations and persons and suggest appropriate
4 responses at the state and local levels; and

5 (7) review proposed seismic **and tsunami** hazard notifications and
6 supporting information from state agencies, evaluate possible socioeconomic
7 consequences, recommend that the governor issue formal seismic **and tsunami** hazard
8 notifications when appropriate, and advise state and local agencies of appropriate
9 responses.

10 (b) The commission may

11 (1) advise the governor and the legislature on disaster preparedness
12 and seismic **and tsunami** hazard mitigation and on budgets for those activities and
13 may recommend legislation or policies to improve disaster preparedness or seismic
14 **and tsunami** hazard mitigation;

15 (2) conduct public hearings;

16 (3) appoint committees from its membership and appoint external
17 advisory committees of ex-officio members; and

18 (4) accept grants, contributions, and appropriations from public
19 agencies, private foundations, and individuals.

20 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.37.069(3) is amended to read:

21 (3) "seismic **and tsunami** hazard mitigation" or "mitigation" mean
22 activities that prevent or alleviate the harmful effects of seismic **and tsunami** hazards
23 to persons and property, including identification and evaluation of the seismic **and**
24 **tsunami** hazards, assessment of the risks, and implementation of measures to reduce
25 potential losses before a damaging event occurs.

26 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.37.069 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (4) "tsunami" means a large ocean wave produced by an earthquake or
28 undersea volcanic eruption.