

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 83(MLV)**

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BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LEDOUX, GUTTENBERG

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for**  
2 **an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 44.37.065(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The commission is composed of 11 [NINE] members appointed by the  
6 governor for terms of three years. A member holds office until a successor is  
7 appointed. A vacancy is filled for the unexpired term.

8 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 44.37.065(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) The governor shall appoint to the commission

10 (1) a representative from the University of Alaska;

11 (2) three representatives [A REPRESENTATIVE] from local  
12 governments [GOVERNMENT];

13 (3) a representative from the Department of Natural Resources;

14 (4) a representative from the Department of Military and Veterans'

1 Affairs;

2 (5) a representative from an appropriate federal agency;

3 (6) a representative of the insurance industry; and

4 (7) three members from members of the public who are expert in the  
5 fields of geology, seismology, hydrology, geotechnical engineering, structural  
6 engineering, emergency services, or planning.

7 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.37.067 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (5) establish and maintain necessary working relationships with other  
20 public and private agencies;

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

24 (7) review proposed seismic **and tsunami** hazard notifications and  
25 supporting information from state agencies, evaluate possible socioeconomic  
26 consequences, recommend that the governor issue formal seismic **and tsunami** hazard  
27 notifications when appropriate, and advise state and local agencies of appropriate  
28 responses.

29 (b) The commission may

30 (1) advise the governor and the legislature on disaster preparedness  
31 and seismic **and tsunami** hazard mitigation and on budgets for those activities and

1 may recommend legislation or policies to improve disaster preparedness or seismic  
2 **and tsunami** hazard mitigation;

3 (2) conduct public hearings;

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

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

8 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 44.37.069(3) is amended to read:

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

14 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 44.37.069 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

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

17 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 44.66.010(a)(9) is amended to read:

18 (9) Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission (AS 44.37.065) -  
19 June 30, **2010** [2005].

20 \* **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).