

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 83(FIN)

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LEDOUX, Guttentberg, Foster

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, **2006** [2005].

20 * **Sec. 7.** AS 44.66.010(a)(9) is amended to read:

21 (9) Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission (AS 44.37.065) -
22 June 30, **2008** [2006].

23 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
24 read:

25 **CONDITIONAL EFFECT.** Section 7 of this Act takes effect only if the governor
26 makes the appointments to the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission authorized under
27 AS 44.37.065(c), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, before June 30, 2006. The governor shall
28 notify the revisor of statutes when all appointments have been made.

29 * **Sec. 9.** If sec. 7 of this Act takes effect under sec. 8 of this Act, it takes effect June 30,
30 2006.

31 * **Sec. 10.** Except as provided in sec. 9 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under

1 AS 01.10.070(c).