

Amend CSHB 4409 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 2306.0521, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department shall establish and maintain an emergency housing and disaster recovery division. The division shall:

(1) develop a program to provide for the rapid deployment of temporary housing for homeowners affected by natural disasters;

(2) develop a program to quickly restore or replace permanent housing for homeowners affected by natural disasters;

(3) develop a program to quickly provide additional rental housing to areas affected by natural disasters;

(4) provide funding to nonprofit agencies that provide to homeowners affected by natural disasters counseling on refinancing options and financial assistance available through state and federal programs; and

(5) collaborate with the division of emergency management established under Chapter 418 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to secure reimbursement for housing needs in areas affected by natural disasters.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 2306.056, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) If federal or state money, other than money appropriated to the department under a current services budget for the state fiscal biennium prepared for the state budgetary process is allocated to the department to address the results of a natural disaster, the board may appoint a committee composed of residents of the affected area. The committee shall serve until 90 percent of the money allocated to the department to address the results of the natural disaster has been spent. The committee shall advise the department and the emergency housing and disaster recovery division with regards to resource allocation.

(d) The department shall develop and implement policies that provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to appear

periodically before a committee created under Subsection (c) and to speak on any issue under the jurisdiction of the emergency housing and disaster recovery division.