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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2292 By: Lucio

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a natural disaster housing
1-11 reconstruction initiative.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to encourage the
1-14 development of a model plan for future reconstruction efforts to
1-15 increase the effective and efficient delivery of natural disaster
1-16 housing recovery services by state agencies. This Act is not meant
1-17 to delay or otherwise interfere with ongoing reconstruction
1-18 efforts.

1-19 SECTION 2. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by
1-20 adding Subchapter X-2 to read as follows:

1-21 SUBCHAPTER X-2. NATURAL DISASTER HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION
1-22 INITIATIVE

1-23 Sec. 2306.541. NATURAL DISASTER HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION
1-24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The director shall appoint a natural
1-25 disaster housing reconstruction advisory committee composed of
1-26 representatives from appropriate local, state, and federal
1-27 entities and organizations and nonprofit organizations.

1-28 (b) The advisory committee shall develop a natural disaster
1-29 housing reconstruction plan. In developing this plan, the advisory
1-30 committee shall:

1-31 (1) evaluate existing systems of providing temporary
1-32 housing to victims of natural disasters and develop alternative
1-33 systems to increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness;

1-34 (2) evaluate existing models for providing permanent
1-35 replacement housing to victims of natural disasters;

1-36 (3) design alternatives to existing models to improve
1-37 the sustainability, affordability, desirability, and quality of
1-38 housing rebuilt in the event of future natural disasters;

1-39 (4) evaluate economic circumstances of elderly,
1-40 disabled, and low-income victims of natural disasters and develop
1-41 models for providing affordable replacement housing;

1-42 (5) recommend programs for the rapid and efficient
1-43 large-scale production of temporary and permanent replacement
1-44 housing following a natural disaster; and

1-45 (6) encourage the participation, coordination, and
1-46 involvement of appropriate federal organizations.

1-47 (c) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the advisory committee.

1-48 Sec. 2306.542. HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION DEMONSTRATION PILOT
1-49 PROGRAM. (a) Using the natural disaster housing reconstruction
1-50 plan developed under this subchapter, the director and advisory
1-51 committee shall develop, for implementation under Subsections (b)
1-52 and (c), housing reconstruction demonstration pilot programs for
1-53 three areas, each of which was affected by one of the three most
1-54 recent federally declared natural disasters. The pilot programs
1-55 must provide for the replacement of at least 20 houses in each area
1-56 to test the feasibility of implementing the plan in the large-scale
1-57 production of replacement housing for victims of federally declared
1-58 natural disasters.

1-59 (b) The department shall provide to an interested council of
1-60 government, county, or local government eligible for funding for
1-61 disaster recovery under the community development block grant
1-62 program:

1-63 (1) information regarding a pilot program developed

2-1 under Subsection (a); and
2-2 (2) assistance in implementing a pilot program
2-3 developed under Subsection (a).

2-4 (c) At the discretion of the board, the department may
2-5 implement a pilot program in any of the three most recently
2-6 federally declared disaster areas in which a pilot program has not
2-7 been implemented by a council of government, county, or local
2-8 government. The department may use any available funds to
2-9 implement the pilot program.

2-10 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2010, the
2-11 executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community
2-12 Affairs shall submit the natural disaster housing reconstruction
2-13 plan developed under Subsection (b), Section 2306.541, Government
2-14 Code, as added by this Act, to the governing board of the Texas
2-15 Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

2-16 (b) Not later than March 1, 2010, the executive director of
2-17 the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall provide
2-18 housing reconstruction demonstration pilot program information to
2-19 an interested council of government, county, or local government
2-20 eligible for funding for disaster recovery under the community
2-21 development block grant program.

2-22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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