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SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2306.188 to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.188. ESTABLISHING HOME OWNERSHIP IN DISASTER AREA. (a) An applicant for federally provided financial assistance administered by the department to repair or rebuild a home damaged by a natural disaster may establish ownership of the home through nontraditional documentation of title. The department shall process an application for that assistance as if the applicant is the record title holder of the affected real property if the applicant provides to the department:

(1) on a form prescribed by the department, an affidavit summarizing the basis on which the applicant claims to be the holder of record title or, if applicable, a successor in interest to the holder of record title and stating that:

(A) there is no other person entitled to claim any ownership interest in the property; or

(B) each person who may be entitled to claim an ownership interest in the property has given consent to the application or cannot be located after a reasonable effort; and

(2) other documentation, including tax receipts, utility bills, or evidence of insurance for the home, that indicates that the applicant exercised ownership over the property at the time of the natural disaster.

(b) This section does not establish record ownership or otherwise alter legal ownership of real property.

(c) The department is not liable to any claimed owner of

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an interest in real property for administering financial assistance as permitted by this section.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter X-2 to read as follows:  
SUBCHAPTER X-2. NATURAL DISASTER HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE  
Sec. 2306.541. NATURAL DISASTER HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The director shall appoint a natural disaster housing reconstruction advisory committee composed of representatives from appropriate local, state, and federal entities and organizations and nonprofit organizations.  
(b) The advisory committee shall develop a natural disaster housing reconstruction plan. In developing this plan, the advisory committee shall:  
(1) evaluate existing systems of providing temporary housing to victims of natural disasters and develop alternative systems to increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness;  
(2) evaluate existing models for providing permanent replacement housing to victims of natural disasters;  
(3) design alternatives to existing models to improve the sustainability, affordability, desirability, and quality of housing rebuilt in the event of future natural disasters;  
(4) evaluate economic circumstances of elderly, disabled, and low-income victims of natural disasters and develop models for providing affordable replacement housing;

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

(6) encourage the participation, coordination, and involvement of appropriate federal organizations.

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

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

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

(1) information regarding a pilot program developed under Subsection (a); and

(2) assistance in implementing a pilot program developed under Subsection (a).

(c) At the discretion of the board, the department may implement a pilot program in any of the three most

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recently federally declared disaster areas in which a pilot program has not been implemented by a council of government, county, or local government. The department may use any available funds to implement the pilot program.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. The purpose of this Act in adding Subchapter X-2, Chapter 2306, Government Code, is to encourage the development of a model plan for future reconstruction efforts to increase the effective and efficient delivery of natural disaster housing recovery services by state agencies. This Act is not meant to delay or otherwise interfere with ongoing reconstruction efforts.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 4. (a) Not later than January 1, 2010, the executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall submit the natural disaster housing reconstruction plan developed under Subsection (b), Section 2306.541, Government Code, as added by this Act, to the governing board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.  
(b) Not later than March 1, 2010, the executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall provide housing reconstruction demonstration pilot program information to an interested council of government, county, or local government eligible for funding for disaster recovery under the

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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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community development block grant program.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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