

Amend CSHB 2608 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 2306.542, Government Code, is amended by adding new subdivision (1) to read as follows:

(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.

(1) If local requirements, regulations or environmental factors of an area require elevation of houses, the department may deviate from the 20 house requirement under subsection (a) and determine the amount of houses needed to test the feasibility of implementing the plan.