

Amend SB 799 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 6, strike "Section 418.054" and substitute "Sections 418.054 and 418.055".

(2) On page 2, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

Sec. 418.055. WET DEBRIS WORK GROUP. (a) In this section:

(1) "Wet debris" means natural or man-made debris located in bodies of water, including lakes, rivers, streams, bays, bayous, wetlands, and tidal areas, that results from a disaster.

(2) "Work group" means the wet debris work group established under this section.

(b) The wet debris work group is established and consists of at least 13 but not more than 21 representatives of local, state, and federal governmental entities and private entities who are appointed by the governor from a list submitted by the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives. The governor shall, to the extent possible, appoint to the work group representatives of:

(1) the division;

(2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;

(3) the Texas Department of Transportation;

(4) the General Land Office;

(5) the Texas Historical Commission;

(6) the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

(7) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(8) the United States Army Corps of Engineers;

(9) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(10) local governments.

(c) A representative of the division appointed to the work group shall serve as presiding officer of the work group.

(d) The work group shall conduct a study to:

(1) identify:

(A) wet debris removal categories for bodies of water in the state and the applicable laws for each category;

(B) current jurisdictions of local, state, federal, and private entities responsible for wet debris removal,

including any concurrent, joint, or overlapping roles and responsibilities of those entities;

(C) funding sources applicable to each wet debris removal category; and

(D) issues that impede wet debris removal; and

(2) provide recommendations for:

(A) minimizing impediments to wet debris removal;

(B) clarifying local, state, federal, and private entities' roles and responsibilities for wet debris removal; and

(C) educating interested persons on the results of the study described by this subsection.

(e) Not later than November 1, 2020, the work group shall submit a report containing the results of the study described by Subsection (d) to each member of the legislature.

(f) The work group is abolished and this section expires January 1, 2021.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than November 1, 2019, the governor shall appoint members to the wet debris work group as required by Section 418.055, Government Code, as added by this Act.