

**House Study Bill 576 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON REBUILD IOWA AND  
DISASTER RECOVERY BILL  
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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to disaster recovery case management.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **29C.20B Disaster case management.**

2 1. The department of human services shall work with  
3 nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based organizations active  
4 in disaster recovery and response in coordination with  
5 the homeland security and emergency management division  
6 to establish and coordinate a statewide system of disaster  
7 case management to be activated following the governor's  
8 proclamation of a disaster emergency or the declaration of a  
9 major disaster by the president of the United States. Under  
10 the system, the department of human services shall coordinate  
11 the provision of services locally through local committees as  
12 established in each county's emergency plan.

13 2. The department of human services, in conjunction with  
14 the homeland security and emergency management division and an  
15 Iowa representative to the national voluntary organizations  
16 active in disaster, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
17 17A to create coordination mechanisms and standards for the  
18 establishment and implementation of a statewide system of  
19 disaster case management which shall include at least all of  
20 the following:

21 a. Disaster case management standards.

22 b. Disaster case management policies.

23 c. Reporting requirements.

24 d. Eligibility criteria.

25 e. Coordination mechanisms necessary to carry out the  
26 services provided.

27 f. Develop formal working relationships with agencies and  
28 create interagency agreements for those considered to provide  
29 disaster case management services.

30 g. Provide a central point of coordination of all available  
31 services for individuals from multiple agencies.

32 Sec. 2. **BUSINESS DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE.**

33 1. A business disaster case management task force is  
34 established to research disaster recovery case management  
35 assistance needed for businesses following a major disaster.

1 The task force shall recommend steps for preparing to provide  
2 such assistance following disasters.

3 2. The task force shall consult with experts, businesses  
4 impacted by previous disasters, and other interested  
5 stakeholders.

6 3. The task force shall submit written recommendations to  
7 the governor and the general assembly by November 15, 2010.

8 4. The rebuild Iowa office shall provide staffing for the  
9 task force.

10 5. The task force shall consist of the following members  
11 appointed by the governor:

12 a. A representative of the United States small business  
13 administration.

14 b. A representative of Iowa small business development  
15 centers.

16 c. A representative of the safeguard Iowa partnership.

17 d. A representative of professional developers of Iowa.

18 e. A representative of the Iowa association of business and  
19 industry.

20 f. A representative of the Iowa retail federation.

21 g. A representative of the department of economic  
22 development.

23 h. A representative of the homeland security and emergency  
24 management division of the department of public defense.

25 i. Two business owners.

26 6. Members of the task force shall not receive a per diem,  
27 shall not be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while  
28 in attendance at any meeting, and shall not be reimbursed for  
29 travel expenses.

30 7. The task force may conduct meetings telephonically.

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EXPLANATION

32 This bill relates to disaster recovery case management.

33 The bill requires the department of human services to work  
34 with nonprofit, voluntary, and faith-based organizations active  
35 in disaster recovery and response in coordination with the

1 homeland security and emergency management division of the  
2 department of public defense to establish and coordinate a  
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