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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2158)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to statewide resilience planning, including the
2 development, implementation, and periodic updating of an
3 Iowa state resilience plan.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 463.1 Definitions.

2 For purposes of this chapter:

3 1. "*Critical assets*" includes all of the following:

- 4 a. Transportation assets and evacuation routes, including
5 airports, bridges, bus terminals, ports, major roadways,
6 highways, railways, marinas, rail facilities, and railroad
7 bridges.
- 8 b. Critical infrastructure, including wastewater treatment
9 facilities and lift stations, storm water treatment facilities
10 and pump stations, drinking water facilities, water utility
11 conveyance systems, electric production and supply facilities,
12 solid and hazardous waste facilities, military installations,
13 communications facilities, and disaster debris management
14 sites.

15 c. Critical community and emergency facilities, including
16 schools, colleges, universities, community centers,
17 correctional facilities, disaster recovery centers, emergency
18 medical service facilities, emergency operation centers, fire
19 stations, health care facilities, hospitals, law enforcement
20 facilities, local government facilities, logistical staging
21 areas, affordable public housing, risk shelter inventory, and
22 state government facilities.

23 d. Natural, cultural, and historical resources, including
24 agricultural lands, conservation lands, parks, shorelines,
25 surface waters, wetlands, and historical and cultural assets.

26 2. "*Regionally significant assets*" means critical assets
27 that support the needs of communities spanning multiple
28 geopolitical jurisdictions, including water resource
29 facilities, regional medical centers, emergency operations
30 centers, regional utilities, major transportation hubs and
31 corridors, airports, and seaports.

32 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 463.2 Iowa state resilience plan.

33 1. By December 31, 2028, the Iowa flood center established
34 under section 466C.1 shall develop and adopt an Iowa state
35 resilience plan in coordination with the department of

1 transportation, economic development authority, department
2 of homeland security and emergency management, department
3 of agriculture and land stewardship, department of natural
4 resources, and any other stakeholder deemed relevant by the
5 Iowa flood center.

6 2. The goals of the Iowa state resilience plan are to
7 accomplish the following:

8 a. Protect against the loss of life and property by
9 providing for hazard mitigation and long-term disaster
10 recovery.

11 b. Effectively incorporate future hazard, demographic, and
12 development conditions into all state programs addressing built
13 and natural infrastructure at risk from flooding, anticipated
14 changes in water supply, and other natural hazards.

15 c. Identify priority projects to increase resilience across
16 the state.

17 d. Establish a strategy to allocate state and federal
18 funding that support the execution of projects and goals
19 outlined in the plan.

20 e. Be a guide to state and local resilience policy.

21 3. The Iowa state resilience plan shall include all of the
22 following:

23 a. A statewide risk assessment that includes, to the extent
24 practicable, all of the following:

25 (1) A gap analysis of state and local government capacity
26 to adequately evaluate and address the factors that increase
27 hazard risk, including risks associated with flooding and
28 anticipated changes in water supply.

29 (2) Temporal, seasonal, and spatial variability projections
30 of at least thirty years for flooding, water supply, and the
31 other top natural hazards identified in the state hazard
32 mitigation plan.

33 (3) An analysis of local mitigation and post-disaster
34 redevelopment plans and their regional impact.

35 (4) An analysis of present and potential losses, including

1 all of the following:

2 (a) Land subsidence.

3 (b) Property inundation.

4 (c) Natural and built infrastructure failures.

5 (d) Natural resource degradation as a result of flooding.

6 (e) Anticipated changes in water supply.

7 (f) Other top natural hazards identified in the state hazard
8 mitigation plan.

9 (5) The economic impact of best available extreme weather
10 projections on the state's resources, including all of the
11 following:

12 (a) Forestry.

13 (b) Agriculture.

14 (c) Water.

15 (d) Soil health.

16 (e) Wildlife.

17 (f) Hunting.

18 (g) Other natural resources.

19 (h) Infrastructure.

20 (i) Economic productivity and security.

21 (j) Education.

22 (k) Public health.

23 (6) An analysis of historic and projected development in
24 known and projected hazard areas, including areas under threat
25 from flooding, anticipated changes in water supply, and other
26 top natural hazards identified in the state hazard mitigation
27 plan.

28 *b.* An inventory of critical assets, including regionally
29 significant assets, that includes an outline of each asset's
30 condition, capacity, and present and potential losses from
31 flooding, anticipated changes in water supply, and the other
32 top natural hazards identified in the state hazard mitigation
33 plan.

34 *c.* A methodology for prioritizing both state-funded
35 resilience projects and projects funded by state-administered

1 federal programs. The methodology shall include:

2 (1) Consideration of project cobenefits, including
3 multihazard risk reduction, economic development, ecosystem
4 services, and tourism and recreational opportunities.

5 (2) Regional considerations, including demography, income,
6 geography, and proximity to critical assets.

7 (3) Consideration of upstream and downstream impacts of
8 riverine projects on communities and local ecology.

9 d. A prioritized list of all ongoing, planned, and proposed
10 resilience projects funded or administered by the state that
11 includes all of the following:

12 (1) The cost of each project.

13 (2) A quantification of the total funding needed statewide.

14 e. Recommendations for voluntary methods, to decrease risks
15 and adverse impacts associated with flooding, anticipated
16 changes in water supply, and natural hazards as identified in
17 the statewide risk assessment, including all of the following:

18 (1) Strategies for overcoming identified gaps in state and
19 local government capacity to address hazard risk, including all
20 of the following:

21 (a) Community education and communication concerning local
22 hazard risk reduction.

23 (b) Improvement of coordination of hazard risk reduction
24 efforts across state agencies.

25 (c) Operations and maintenance for existing projects.

26 (d) Technical assistance and other support to local
27 governments.

28 (2) Statutory or regulatory remedies for managing risk.

29 (3) Expected implementation timelines, agency involvement,
30 and implementation costs for each action or remedy.

31 (4) Existing and potential funding sources for facilitating
32 resilience planning and projects.

33 (5) Possible cobenefits associated with resilience actions.

34 (6) Plans for integrating recommended approaches to risk
35 reduction into existing state strategies for hazard mitigation,

1 environmental protection, and economic opportunity and
2 development.

3 *f.* Metrics for tracking, reporting progress to state and
4 local policymakers, and updating the Iowa state resilience
5 plan.

6 4. On completion of the Iowa state resilience plan, the
7 Iowa flood center shall deliver the plan to the governor, the
8 general assembly, and the department of homeland security and
9 emergency management.

10 5. The Iowa flood center shall deliver a report to the
11 governor and general assembly by December 31, 2029, and every
12 two years thereafter. The report shall include all of the
13 following:

14 *a.* A summary of the progress made on recommendations
15 and identified projects in the plan during the previous two
16 calendar years.

17 *b.* Updated recommendations based on the information gathered
18 by the Iowa flood center, if applicable.

19 *c.* Strategies to increase resilience in the state, including
20 identifying potential funding sources for those strategies.

21 6. The Iowa flood center, in coordination with the
22 department of transportation, economic development authority,
23 department of homeland security and emergency management,
24 department of agriculture and land stewardship, department of
25 natural resources, and any other stakeholder deemed relevant by
26 the Iowa flood center, shall update the Iowa state resilience
27 plan every five years or sooner.