

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
AB 1568 (Committee on Emergency Management)
As Introduced March 3, 2021
2/3 vote. Urgency

SUMMARY

Requires the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and organizations that are interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or dispensaries or other facilities to assist in disaster response and recovery.

Major Provisions

Requires Cal OES to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or dispensaries or other facilities to foster collaboration between the private and public sector to enhance disaster preparedness.

COMMENTS

Emergency Preparedness and Response: Cal OES is responsible for addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, and preparing the State to prevent, respond to, quickly recover from, and mitigate the effects of both intentional and natural disasters. As part of their overall preparedness mission, Cal OES is required to develop a State Emergency Plan (SEP), State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP), and maintains Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (EMMA). Cal OES, in coordination with FEMA and local partners, has developed four Catastrophic Plans to augment the State Emergency Plan.

Cal OES's Office of Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organization: In 2015, Cal OES established the Office of Private Sector and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Coordination. This office designs, coordinates, and implements statewide outreach programs to foster relationships with businesses, associations, companies, academia, as well as non-profit and philanthropic organizations. It works within Cal OES to maximize inclusion and effective use of private sector and NGO staff and resources in all phases of emergency management.

Prior legislation related to the establishment of a statewide registry at Cal OES: AB 2796 (Nava), Chapter 363, Statutes of 2008. Authorizes Cal OES to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or dispensaries or other facilities to further collaboration between the private and public sector.

According to the Author

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that, in order to best prepare and protect the citizens of the state and ensure that we are prepared for and can respond to emergencies, government and the private sector need to work together. The public sector alone is incapable of meeting California's preparedness needs. The private and nonprofit sectors have vast stores of medical supplies, building and construction materials, food, water and other goods, as well as services that would be essential following a catastrophic event. The private sector owns or has access to substantial response and support resources. Community Based Organizations or Non-

Governmental Organizations also provide valuable resources before, during, and after a disaster. These resources can be effective assets before, during and after emergencies. We should make it as easy as possible for the private sector to donate their goods and services to enhance California's disaster preparedness.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, "it is reasonable to expect Cal OES to incur costs in excess of \$150,000 (General Fund) to establish and maintain the registry. Cal OES estimates its first-year costs to total \$377,000, which will cover establishment of an electronic database, procuring software licenses for staff and hiring staff (General Fund). Cal OES also anticipates ongoing annual costs of \$221,000 for staffing and software licensing."

VOTES**ASM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: 6-0-1**

YES: Rodriguez, Seyarto, Calderon, Gallagher, Gray, Ward

ABS, ABST OR NV: Aguiar-Curry

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 12-0-4

YES: Lorena Gonzalez, Calderon, Carrillo, Chau, Gabriel, Eduardo Garcia, Levine, Quirk, Robert Rivas, Akilah Weber, Holden, Luz Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Bigelow, Megan Dahle, Davies, Fong

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