
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 239 (Harabedian) - State-led County of Los Angeles disaster housing task force

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Urgency: Yes

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Policy Vote: HOUSING 11 - 0, G.O. 15 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: AB 239, an urgency measure, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to jointly convene a specified state-led County of Los Angeles disaster housing task force to coordinate and streamline state, federal, and local efforts to rebuild housing in communities impacted by 2025 wildfires.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

Fiscal Impact:

- HCD estimates costs of approximately \$582,000 annually for two years for 2.0 PY of limited-term staff, including the specified housing coordinator position, for workload to coordinate with local officials, gather data on housing production in affected communities, and to develop and submit reports to the Legislature. (General Fund)
- OES estimates costs in the mid- to high hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for two years for up to 4.0 PY of limited-term staff to support the administrative workload of the task force and assist with the reporting requirements. These costs include a full-time attorney position to advise the task force and oversee compliance. (General Fund)
- Unknown local costs for representatives of both the City and County of Los Angeles to participate on the disaster housing task force. While Legislative Counsel did not key the bill as a state-mandated local program, there could be additional state General Fund costs, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates, if either or both of these local agencies submitted a successful claim for reimbursement of staffing and administrative costs associated with participation on the task force.

Author Amendments:

- Require HCD to convene the task force, rather than requiring a joint effort with OES.
- Require the state disaster housing coordinator to be housed within HCD.
- Change the reporting requirement from quarterly to annually.
- Sunset the task force and requirements of the bill on January 1, 2028.

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