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Senator King moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 8, line 3, through  
page 10, line 5, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and  
subsections (3) and (4) of section 215.559, Florida Statutes,  
are amended, present subsection (7) of that section is  
redesignated as subsection (8) and amended, present  
subsections (5) and (6) of that section are redesignated as  
subsections (6) and (7), respectively, and a new subsection  
(5) is added to that section, to read:

215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--

(2)(a) Seven million dollars in funds provided in  
subsection (1) shall be used for programs to improve the wind  
resistance of residences and mobile homes, including loans,  
subsidies, grants, demonstration projects, and direct  
assistance; educating persons concerning the Florida Building  
Code cooperative programs with local governments and the

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1 Federal Government; and other efforts to prevent or reduce  
2 losses or reduce the cost of rebuilding after a disaster.

3 (3) Forty percent of the total appropriation in  
4 paragraph (2)(a) shall be used to inspect and improve  
5 tie-downs for mobile homes. Within 30 days after the effective  
6 date of that appropriation, the department shall contract with  
7 a public higher educational institution in this state which  
8 has previous experience in administering the programs set  
9 forth in this subsection to serve as the administrative entity  
10 and fiscal agent pursuant to s. 216.346 for the purpose of  
11 administering the programs set forth in this subsection in  
12 accordance with established policy and procedures. The  
13 administrative entity working with the advisory council set up  
14 under subsection (5) shall develop a list of mobile home parks  
15 and counties that may be eligible to participate in the  
16 tie-down program.

17 (4) Of moneys provided to the Department of Community  
18 Affairs in paragraph (2)(a), 10 percent shall be allocated to  
19 a Type I Center within the State University System dedicated  
20 to hurricane research. The Type I Center shall develop a  
21 preliminary work plan approved by the advisory council set  
22 forth in subsection ~~(6)(5)~~ to eliminate the state and local  
23 barriers to upgrading existing mobile homes and communities,  
24 research and develop a program for the recycling of existing  
25 older mobile homes, and support programs of research and  
26 development relating to hurricane loss reduction devices and  
27 techniques for site-built residences. The State University  
28 System also shall consult with the Department of Community  
29 Affairs and assist the department with the report required  
30 under subsection ~~(8)(7)~~.

31 (5) An amount equal to fifteen percent of the total

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1 appropriation in paragraph (2)(a) shall be used for education  
2 awareness concerning the Florida Building Code and the  
3 operation of the disaster contractors network. Not more than  
4 30 days after the effective date of each subsequent  
5 appropriation, the Department of Community Affairs shall  
6 contract with a nonprofit tax-exempt entity having prior  
7 contracting experience with building code training,  
8 development, and coordination and whose membership is  
9 representative of all of the statewide construction and design  
10 licensee associations. The entity shall allocate 20 percent of  
11 these resources to the disaster contractors network for the  
12 education of the construction industry and hurricane response  
13 if needed to coordinate the industry in the event of a natural  
14 disaster. The entity shall allocate 20 percent of these  
15 resources to the largest residential construction trade show  
16 in the state for the education of the residential construction  
17 industry on building code and mitigation issues. The remaining  
18 resources shall be used by the entity for outreach building  
19 code activities after consultation with the building code  
20 program under the Florida Building Commission as provided for  
21 in s. 553.841.

22 (8)(7) On January 1st of each year, the Department of  
23 Community Affairs shall provide a full report and accounting  
24 of activities under this section and an evaluation of such  
25 activities to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
26 President of the Senate, and the Majority and Minority Leaders  
27 of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Upon  
28 completion of the report, the Department of Community Affairs  
29 shall deliver the report to the Office of Insurance  
30 Regulation. The Office of Insurance Regulation shall review  
31 the report and shall make such recommendations available to

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1 the insurance industry as the Office of Insurance Regulation  
 2 deems appropriate. These recommendations may be used by  
 3 insurers for potential discounts or rebates pursuant to s.  
 4 627.0629. The Office of Insurance Regulation shall make the  
 5 recommendations within 1 year after receiving the report.

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9 And the title is amended as follows:

10            On page 1, line 10, after the semicolon,

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12 insert:

13            providing that the Office of Insurance  
 14            Regulation make recommendations to the  
 15            insurance industry based on a report regarding  
 16            the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program by the  
 17            Department of Community Affairs;

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