



SENATE BILL 338: Disaster Recovery Act of 2017.

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OVERVIEW: S.L. 2017-119 allocates \$100,000,000 to various purposes and programs related to disaster relief from Hurricane Matthew, Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine, and the western wildfires.

This act became effective July 18, 2017.

BILL ANALYSIS: S.L. 2017-119 does the following:

Allocates \$100,000,000 reserved as Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds in the Appropriations Act of 2017 as follows:

- \$25,000,000 for housing as follows:
 - \$20,000,000 is allocated to the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, for repair of owner-occupied homes and rental property for low to moderate-income individuals; for elevation and mitigation of certain homes, to enable low to moderate-income homeowners to purchase homes; to provide flood insurance subsidies, temporary housing, and hire specialists to administer authorized programs; and to repair public housing in Princeville and Lumberton.
 - \$5,000,000 is allocated to the Lumber River Council of Government to develop and construct low-income multifamily housing units in the Town of Fair Bluff.
- \$30,000,000 is allocated to Golden L.E.A.F., Inc. to provide grants to local governments and 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations. Funds may be used to repair and replace existing infrastructure and tangible personal property, to replace or improve existing infrastructure to support hazard mitigation, and to construct new infrastructure to support hazard mitigation and the development of new structures outside the 100-year floodplain.
- \$20,000,000 is allocated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Soil and Water Conservation for stream debris removal and non-field farm road repairs. Up to \$1,000,000 may be used for drought relief in 20 western counties declared a federal disaster by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- \$2,700,000 is allocated to the Community College System to be used to offset the impact on community college enrollment declines related to Hurricane Matthew.
- \$22,300,000 is allocated to the State Emergency Reponse and Disaster Relief Fund to provide the State match for federal disaster assistance programs.

Sections 2-6 of the act contain provisions related to implementation that are similar to those contained in the 2016 Disaster Recovery Act, S.L. 2016-124.

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