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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 167 by Senator Gray Evans

### **Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

HOUSING. Requires not less than five million dollars of recovery funding to be allocated for emergency rental assistance and not less than fifty million allocated for imported tainted drywall assistance if approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (See Act)

### **Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Add an Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program from Road Home funding or other available federal and state resources.

### **Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Provided that not less than \$5 million be allocated to the Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program.

### **Report amends the bill to:**

1. Adds provision that not less than \$5 million be allocated to the Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program.
2. Require that the Action Plan creating the Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program provide that funding unallocated or unexpended one year after HUD's approval of the program shall be transferred to the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides that the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), as part of its power, duty and function, shall propose, implement and promote the implementation of special programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal or other monies, including but not limited to The Road Home Program, the Public Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Provides that implementation of the

programs shall be at the direction of the governor.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Provides that not less than \$5M of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster funding, supplemental disaster Social Service Block Grant funding, or other available federal and state resources shall be allocated for emergency rental assistance. Provides that an "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" is a program that provides rental assistance to families expiring out of FEMA's temporary housing program or HUD's Disaster Housing Program and whose income is less than 80% of the area median income and who are not receiving permanent housing vouchers or other permanent affordable housing assistance.

Proposed law provides that a priority of households for funding as follows:

- (1) Households that participated in hurricanes Katrina or Rita temporary housing assistance programs such as HUD's Disaster Housing Program or FEMA's temporary housing program and continue to be in need and do not qualify for housing choice voucher program assistance or other programs established to address the housing needs of transitioning households.
- (2) Households participating in hurricanes Gustav or Ike temporary housing assistance programs.
- (3) Households in need who either did not qualify or did not participate in temporary housing assistance programs of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, or Ike.

Proposed law requires LRA or any other agency of the state designated to coordinate disaster recovery programs to partner with the Dept. of Social Services (DSS) and other relevant state agencies for the implementation of emergency rental assistance programs.

Proposed law further adds that not less than \$5 million of the Road Home Program, or other available federal and state resources shall be allocated for imported tainted drywall assistance. Provides that an "Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program" shall be a program which provides for identification and remediation of imported tainted drywall. "Remediation" shall include but not be limited to the removal and replacement of tainted imported drywall. Requires that the Action Plan creating this program shall be submitting to HUD providing that any Imported Tainted Drywall Assistance Program funding unallocated or unexpended one year after HUD approves the program shall be transferred to the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.

Requires the LRA to prepare an Action Plan Amendment for implementing proposed law as appropriate within 30 days of enactment. Provides that proposed law will become effective when the Action Plan Amendment is approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Amends R.S. 49:220.5(A)(2); adds R.S. 49:220.8)

