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35-A, sections 3209-A and 3209-B. It also specifies a goal for the development of commercially operational distributed generation resources of 750 total megawatts. It prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from procuring distributed generation under Title 35-A, chapter 34-C. It provides funding for an additional position at the commission.

The law also requires the Governor's Energy Office in coordination with the commission to convene a stakeholder group to consider various distributed generation project programs to be implemented between 2024 and 2028 and the need for improved grid planning. It defines, for the purposes of this stakeholder process, "distributed generation project" as a renewable energy project with a nameplate capacity of no more than five megawatts that has identified residential, commercial and institutional customers, including but not limited to, net energy billing arrangement projects. It specifies those stakeholders that must be included, requires both an interim report and final report and specifies what must be examined for each report. It allows the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology to report out a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the interim report and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the final report.

LD 1008 An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All County Emergency Management Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 154 requires a joint use entity, which includes a public utility, voice service provider, dark fiber provider, wholesale or retail competitive local exchange carrier, cable television system, unlit fiber provider, telecommunications service provider or information service provider, to designate a permanent liaison with each county emergency management agency in the State in counties in which the joint use entity has facilities in order to assist in the coordination of efforts during a disaster or civil emergency.

It also provides that a joint use entity is responsible for ensuring that such a designated permanent liaison responds immediately to any contact or request for assistance during a disaster or civil emergency from the county emergency management agency to which the liaison is designated. It further provides that a county emergency management agency that receives a communication from a joint use entity designating a permanent liaison must communicate to that joint use entity the contact information for the employee or employees of the county emergency management agency responsible for coordinating the actions of the county emergency management agency during a disaster or civil emergency.