



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

July 31, 2019

Re: Disaster Resiliency Data Call

To all authorized insurance companies and excess surplus lines of business:

Washington residents have been impacted, and continue to be at risk from natural disaster, including floods, landslides, wildfires, and earthquakes. It is critically important that our efforts to meet these challenges are coordinated.

As you know, Insurance Commissioner Kreidler put forward a bill (SB 5106, Chapter 388, Laws of 2019) proposing the establishment of a legislative work group called the Disaster Resiliency Work Group. I'm pleased to say that Commissioner Kreidler is chair of the new group and we will soon begin our work. The Disaster Resiliency Work Group is comprised of over 30 members, including legislators, representatives of state agencies, municipalities, tribal leaders, utility services, and representatives from the insurance industry. Our group must:

- review activities by public and private entities, other states, and the federal government in regards to disaster mitigation and resiliency;
- review uptake in this state for disaster related insurance, such as flood and earthquake insurance;
- review how other states coordinate disaster mitigation, specifically the California Earthquake Authority;
- review how other states and the federal government fund disaster mitigation and resiliency activities and programs; and
- make recommendations to the Legislature and Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

The bill requires our office to conduct a review of disaster related insurance. Under the authority granted in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 48.02.060, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner is conducting a Disaster Resiliency Data Call. Please find attached instructions and blank Excel template for you to review and use. Please provide your data no later than **5:00 pm on September 6, 2019**. This information will be essential for the appointed work group members to review so they may complete their recommendations.

Please submit your data electronically as three separate files to <https://sft.wa.gov/>. Please follow the enclosed instructions. If you have any questions, please contact David Forte, at DavidF@oic.wa.gov.

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Thank you for your cooperation in assisting Washington State address this critical need.

Sincerely,



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