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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6013**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Winsley, Skratek, Vognild, Snyder, Sheldon, McAuliffe and Ludwig)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection services; amending RCW  
2 43.63A.300, 43.63A.310, 43.63A.320, 43.63A.340, 43.63A.377, 48.48.060,  
3 48.48.065, 48.48.080, and 52.12.031; adding a new section to chapter  
4 43.10 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 48.48.120; and  
5 providing an effective date.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.300 and 1993 c 280 s 68 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 The legislature finds that fire protection services at the state  
10 level are provided by different, independent state agencies. This has  
11 resulted in a lack of a comprehensive state-level focus for state fire  
12 protection services, funding, and policy. The legislature further  
13 finds that the paramount duty of the state in fire protection services  
14 is to enhance the capacity of all local jurisdictions to assure that  
15 their personnel with fire suppression, prevention, inspection, origin  
16 and cause, and arson investigation responsibilities are adequately  
17 trained to discharge their responsibilities. It is the intent of the  
18 legislature to consolidate fire protection services into a single state  
19 agency and to create a state board with the responsibility of (1)

1 establishing a comprehensive state policy regarding fire protection  
2 services and (2) advising the (~~director of community, trade, and~~  
3 ~~economic development~~) governor and the director of fire protection on  
4 matters relating to their duties under state law. It is also the  
5 intent of the legislature that the fire protection services program  
6 created herein will assist local fire protection agencies in program  
7 development without encroaching upon their historic autonomy. It is  
8 the further intent of the legislature that the fire protection services  
9 program be implemented incrementally to assure a smooth transition, to  
10 build local, regional, and state capacity, and to avoid undue burdens  
11 on jurisdictions with limited resources.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.310 and 1986 c 266 s 55 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 There is created the state fire protection policy board consisting  
15 of (~~ten~~) eight members appointed by the governor:

16 (1) (~~Three~~) One representative(~~s~~) of fire chiefs(~~. At least~~  
17 ~~one shall be from a fire department east of the Cascade mountains and~~  
18 ~~at least one shall be from a fire department west of the Cascade~~  
19 ~~mountains. One shall be from a fire protection district~~);

20 (2) One insurance industry representative;

21 (3) One representative of cities and towns;

22 (4) One representative of counties;

23 (5) (~~Two~~) One full-time, paid, career fire fighter(~~s~~);

24 (6) One volunteer fire fighter; (~~and~~)

25 (7) One representative of fire commissioners; and

26 (One representative of fire control programs of the department  
27 of natural resources.

28 In making the appointments required under subsections (1) through  
29 (7) of this section, the governor shall (a) seek the advice of and  
30 consult with organizations involved in fire protection; and (b) ensure  
31 that racial minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are  
32 represented.

33 The terms of the appointed members of the board shall be three  
34 years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. However,  
35 initial board members shall be appointed as follows: Three members to  
36 terms of one year, three members to terms of two years, and four  
37 members to terms of three years. In the case of a vacancy of a member  
38 appointed under subsections (1) through (7) of this section, the

1 governor shall appoint a new representative to fill the unexpired term  
2 of the member whose office has become vacant. A vacancy shall occur  
3 whenever an appointed member ceases to be employed in the occupation  
4 the member was appointed to represent. The members of the board  
5 appointed pursuant to subsections (1) and (5) of this section and  
6 holding office on the effective date of this act shall serve the  
7 remainder of their terms, and the reduction of the board required by  
8 section 2, chapter ---, Laws of 1994 (this section), shall occur upon  
9 the expiration of their terms.

10 The appointed members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel  
11 expenses under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

12 The board shall select its own chairperson and shall meet at the  
13 request of the governor or the chairperson and at least four times per  
14 year.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.63A.320 and 1993 c 280 s 69 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 Except for matters relating to the statutory duties of the director  
18 of community, trade, and economic development which are to be carried  
19 out through the director of fire protection, the board shall have the  
20 responsibility of developing a comprehensive state policy regarding  
21 fire protection services. In carrying out its duties, the board shall:

22 (1)(a) Adopt a state fire training and education master plan which  
23 allows to the maximum feasible extent for negotiated agreements: (i)  
24 With the state board for community and technical colleges to provide  
25 academic, vocational, and field training programs for the fire service  
26 and (ii) with the higher education coordinating board and the state  
27 colleges and universities to provide instructional programs requiring  
28 advanced training, especially in command and management skills;

29 (b) Adopt minimum standards for each level of responsibility among  
30 personnel with fire suppression, prevention, inspection, and  
31 investigation responsibilities which assure continuing assessment of  
32 skills and are flexible enough to meet emerging technologies. With  
33 particular respect to training for fire investigations, the master plan  
34 shall encourage cross training in appropriate law enforcement skills.  
35 To meet special local needs, fire agencies may adopt more stringent  
36 requirements than those adopted by the state;

37 (c) Cooperate with the common schools, technical and community  
38 colleges, institutions of higher education, and any department or

1 division of the state, or of any county or municipal corporation in  
2 establishing and maintaining instruction in fire service training and  
3 education in accordance with any act of congress and legislation  
4 enacted by the legislature in pursuance thereof and in establishing,  
5 building, and operating training and education facilities.

6 Industrial fire departments and private fire investigators may  
7 participate in training and education programs under this chapter for  
8 a reasonable fee established by rule;

9 (d) Develop and adopt a master plan for constructing, equipping,  
10 maintaining, and operating necessary fire service training and  
11 education facilities subject to the provisions of chapter 43.19 RCW;  
12 and

13 (e) Develop and adopt a master plan for the purchase, lease, or  
14 other acquisition of real estate necessary for fire service training  
15 and education facilities in a manner provided by law.

16 (2) In addition to its responsibilities for fire service training,  
17 the board shall:

18 (a) Adopt a state fire protection master plan;

19 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Monitor fire protection in the state and develop  
20 objectives and priorities to improve fire protection for the state's  
21 citizens including: (i) The comprehensiveness of state and local  
22 inspections required by law for fire and life safety; (ii) the level of  
23 skills and training of inspectors, as well as needs for additional  
24 training; and (iii) the efforts of local, regional, and state  
25 inspection agencies to improve coordination and reduce duplication  
26 among inspection efforts;

27 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Establish and promote state arson control programs and  
28 ensure development of local arson control programs;

29 ~~((+4))~~ (d) Provide representation for local fire protection  
30 services to the governor in state-level fire protection planning  
31 matters such as, but not limited to, hazardous materials control;

32 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Seek and solicit grants, gifts, bequests, ~~((devices))~~  
33 devises, and matching funds for use in furthering the objectives and  
34 duties of the board, and establish procedures for administering them;

35 ~~((+6))~~ (f) Promote mutual aid and disaster planning for fire  
36 services in this state;

37 ~~((+7))~~ (g) Assure the dissemination of information concerning the  
38 amount of fire damage including that damage caused by arson, and its  
39 causes and prevention;

1       ~~((8))~~ (h) Submit ~~((annually a))~~ an annual report to the governor  
2 ~~((containing a statement of))~~ describing its ~~((official acts))~~  
3 activities undertaken pursuant to this chapter, and make such studies,  
4 reports, and recommendations to the governor and the legislature as are  
5 requested; and

6       ~~((9) Adopt a state fire training and education master plan;~~

7       ~~(10) Develop and adopt a master plan for the construction,~~  
8 ~~equipping, maintaining, and operation of necessary fire service~~  
9 ~~training and education facilities, but the authority to construct,~~  
10 ~~equip, and maintain such facilities is subject to chapter 43.19 RCW;~~

11       ~~(11) Develop and adopt a master plan for the purchase, lease, or~~  
12 ~~other acquisition of real estate necessary to establish and operate~~  
13 ~~fire service training and education facilities in a manner provided by~~  
14 ~~law;~~

15       ~~(12) Adopt standards for state wide fire service training and~~  
16 ~~education courses including courses in arson detection and~~  
17 ~~investigation for personnel of fire, police, and prosecutor's~~  
18 ~~departments;~~

19       ~~(13) Assure the administration of)~~ (i) Implement any legislation  
20 enacted by the legislature ~~((in pursuance of the aims and purposes))~~ to  
21 meet the requirements of any acts of congress ~~((insofar as the~~  
22 ~~provisions thereof may))~~ that apply~~((;~~

23       ~~(14) Cooperate with the common schools, community colleges,~~  
24 ~~institutions of higher education, and any department or division of the~~  
25 ~~state, or of any county or municipal corporation in establishing and~~  
26 ~~maintaining instruction in fire service training and education in~~  
27 ~~accordance with any act of Congress and legislation enacted by the~~  
28 ~~legislature in pursuance thereof and in establishing, building, and~~  
29 ~~operating training and education facilities.~~

30       This section does not apply to forest fire service personnel and  
31 programs. Industrial fire departments and private fire investigators  
32 may participate in training and education programs under this chapter  
33 for a reasonable fee established by rule) to this section.

34       (3) In carrying out its statutory duties, the board shall give  
35 particular consideration to the appropriate roles to be played by the  
36 state and by local jurisdictions with fire protection responsibilities.  
37 Any determinations on the division of responsibility shall be made in  
38 consultation with local fire officials and their representatives.

1        To the extent possible, the board shall encourage development of  
2 regional units along compatible geographic, population, economic, and  
3 fire risk dimensions. Such regional units may serve to: (a) Reinforce  
4 coordination among state and local activities in fire service training,  
5 reporting, inspections, and investigations; (b) identify areas of  
6 special need, particularly in smaller jurisdictions with inadequate  
7 resources; (c) assist the state in its oversight responsibilities; (d)  
8 identify funding needs and options at both the state and local levels;  
9 and (e) provide models for building local capacity in fire protection  
10 programs.

11        **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.63A.340 and 1993 c 280 s 71 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13        (1) Wherever the term state fire marshal appears in the Revised  
14 Code of Washington or the Washington Administrative Code it shall mean  
15 the director of fire protection.

16        (2) The ~~((director of community, trade, and economic development))~~  
17 governor shall appoint an assistant director who shall be known as the  
18 director of fire protection. The board, after consulting with the  
19 ~~((director))~~ governor, shall prescribe qualifications for the position  
20 of director of fire protection. The board shall submit to the  
21 ~~((director))~~ governor a list containing the names of three persons whom  
22 the board believes meet its qualifications. If requested by the  
23 ~~((director))~~ governor, the board shall submit one additional list of  
24 three persons whom the board believes meet its qualifications. The  
25 appointment shall be from one of the lists of persons submitted by the  
26 board.

27        (3) The director of fire protection may designate one or more  
28 deputies and may delegate to those deputies his or her duties and  
29 authorities as deemed appropriate.

30        (4) The ~~((director of community, trade, and economic development,~~  
31 ~~through the))~~ director of fire protection~~((,))~~ shall~~((, after~~  
32 ~~consultation with the board,))~~ prepare a biennial budget pertaining to  
33 fire protection services. Such biennial budget shall be submitted as  
34 part of the department's budget request.

35        (5) The ~~((director of community, trade, and economic development,~~  
36 ~~through the))~~ director of fire protection~~((,))~~ shall implement and  
37 administer, within the constraints established by budgeted resources,  
38 the policies of the board ~~((and all duties of the director of~~

1 ~~community, trade, and economic development which are to be carried out~~  
2 ~~through the director of fire protection)).~~ Such administration shall  
3 include negotiation of agreements with the state board for community  
4 and technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, and  
5 the state colleges and universities as provided in RCW 43.63A.320.  
6 Programs covered by such agreements shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, planning curricula, developing and delivering instructional  
8 programs and materials, and utilizing existing instructional personnel  
9 and facilities. Where appropriate, such contracts shall also include  
10 planning and conducting instructional programs at the state fire  
11 service training center.

12 (6) The (~~director of community, trade, and economic development,~~  
13 ~~through the~~) director of fire protection(~~(-)~~) shall seek the advice of  
14 the board in carrying out his or her duties under law.

15 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.63A.377 and 1991 c 135 s 3 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 Money from the fire services trust fund may be expended for the  
18 following purposes:

19 (1) Training of fire service personnel, including both classroom  
20 and hands-on training at the state fire training center or other  
21 locations approved by the director through the director of fire  
22 protection services;

23 (2) Maintenance and operation at the state's fire training center  
24 near North Bend. If in the future the state builds or leases other  
25 facilities as other fire training centers, a portion of these moneys  
26 may be used for the maintenance and operation at these centers;

27 (3) Lease or purchase of equipment for use in the provisions of  
28 training to fire service personnel;

29 (4) Grants or other subsidies to local (~~(entities)~~) jurisdictions  
30 to allow them to perform their functions under this section;

31 (5) Costs of administering these programs under this section;

32 (6) Licensing and enforcement of state laws governing the sales of  
33 fireworks; and

34 (7) Development with the legal fireworks industry and funding of a  
35 state-wide public education program for fireworks safety.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 48.48.060 and 1986 c 266 s 71 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:

1 (1) The chief of each organized fire department, the sheriff or  
2 other designated county official, and the designated city or town  
3 official shall investigate the cause~~((7))~~ and origin, and document  
4 extent of ~~((loss))~~ damage of all fires occurring within their  
5 respective jurisdictions, as determined by this subsection, and shall  
6 forthwith notify the ~~((director of community development, through the))~~  
7 director of fire protection~~((7))~~ of all fires of criminal, suspected,  
8 or undetermined cause occurring within their respective jurisdictions.  
9 The county fire marshal shall also be notified of and investigate all  
10 such fires occurring in unincorporated areas of the county. Fire  
11 departments shall have the responsibility imposed by this subsection  
12 for areas within their jurisdictions. Sheriffs or other designated  
13 county officials shall have responsibility imposed by this subsection  
14 for county areas not within the jurisdiction of a fire department,  
15 unless such areas are within the boundaries of a city or town, in which  
16 case the designated city or town official shall have the responsibility  
17 imposed by this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection,  
18 county officials shall be designated by the county legislative  
19 authority, and city or town officials shall be designated by the  
20 appropriate city or town legislative or executive authority. In  
21 addition to the responsibility imposed by this subsection, any sheriff  
22 or chief of police may assist in the investigation of the cause~~((7))~~  
23 and origin, and document extent of ~~((loss))~~ damage of all fires  
24 occurring within his or her respective jurisdiction.

25 (2) The ~~((director of community development, through the))~~ director  
26 of fire protection or his or her deputy~~((7))~~ may investigate any fire  
27 for the purpose of determining its cause, origin, and the extent of the  
28 loss. The ~~((director of community development, through the))~~ director  
29 of fire protection or his or her deputy~~((7))~~ shall assist in the  
30 investigation of those fires of criminal, suspected, or undetermined  
31 cause when requested by the reporting agency. In the investigation of  
32 any fire of criminal, suspected, or undetermined cause, the ~~((director~~  
33 ~~of community development and the))~~ director of fire protection or his  
34 or her deputy~~((7))~~ are vested with police powers to enforce the laws of  
35 this state. To exercise these powers, authorized deputies must receive  
36 prior written authorization from the ~~((director of community~~  
37 ~~development, through the))~~ director of fire protection~~((7))~~ and shall  
38 have completed a course of training prescribed by the Washington state  
39 criminal justice training commission.

1       **Sec. 7.** RCW 48.48.065 and 1986 c 266 s 72 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) The chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff or  
4 other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas not  
5 within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report  
6 statistical information and data to the ~~((director of community  
7 development, through the))~~ director of fire protection~~((7))~~ on each  
8 fire occurring within the official's jurisdiction. Reports shall be  
9 consistent with the national fire incident reporting system developed  
10 by the United States fire administration and rules established by the  
11 ~~((director of community development, through the director of))~~ fire  
12 protection policy board. The ~~((director of community development,  
13 through the))~~ director of fire protection~~((7))~~ and the department of  
14 natural resources shall jointly determine the statistical information  
15 to be reported on fires on land under the jurisdiction of the  
16 department of natural resources.

17       (2) The ~~((director of community development, through the))~~ director  
18 of fire protection~~((7))~~ shall analyze the information and data  
19 reported, compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by ~~((January  
20 31))~~ June 30 to each chief fire official in the state. Upon request,  
21 the ~~((director of community development, through the))~~ director of fire  
22 protection~~((7))~~ shall also furnish a copy of the report to any other  
23 interested person at cost.

24       (3) In carrying out the duties relating to collecting, analyzing,  
25 and reporting statistical fire data, the fire protection policy board  
26 may contract with a qualified individual or organization to gather and  
27 report such information under the following conditions:

28       (a) The contractor may be selected under the sole source provisions  
29 of chapter 39.29 RCW, so long as the contractor meets the  
30 qualifications of that chapter; and

31       (b) The information provided meets the diverse needs of state and  
32 local fire reporting agencies and is (i) defined in understandable  
33 terms of common usage in the fire community; (ii) adaptable to the  
34 varying levels of resources available, including whether a given  
35 client's system is operated electronically or not; (iii) maintained in  
36 a manner which will foster both technical support and resource sharing;  
37 and (iv) designed to meet both short and long-term needs.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.10 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The legislature finds that provisions for information systems  
4 relating to statistics and reporting for fire prevention, suppression,  
5 and damage control do not adequately address the needs of ongoing  
6 investigations of fire incidents where the cause is suspected or  
7 determined to be the result of negligence or otherwise suggestive of  
8 some criminal activity, particularly that of arson. It is the intent  
9 of the legislature to establish an information and reporting system  
10 designed specifically to assist state and local officers in conducting  
11 such investigations and, where substantiated, to undertake prosecution  
12 of individuals suspected of such activities.

13        (2)(a) In addition to the information provided by local officials  
14 about the cause, origin, and extent of loss in fires under chapter  
15 48.48 RCW, there is hereby created the state arson investigation  
16 information system in the office of the attorney general.

17        (b) The attorney general shall develop the arson investigation  
18 information system in consultation with representatives of the various  
19 state and local officials charged with investigating fires resulting  
20 from suspicious or criminal activities under chapter 48.48 RCW and of  
21 the insurance industry.

22        (c) The arson investigation information system shall be designed to  
23 include at least the following attributes:    (i) The information  
24 gathered and reported shall meet the diverse needs of state and local  
25 investigating agencies; (ii) the forms and reports are drafted in  
26 understandable terms of common usage; and (iii) the results shall be  
27 adaptable to the varying levels of available resources, maintained in  
28 a manner to foster data sharing and mutual aid activities, and made  
29 available to other law enforcement agencies responsible for criminal  
30 investigations.

31        (d) All insurers required to report claim information under the  
32 provisions of chapter 48.50 RCW shall cooperate fully with any requests  
33 from the attorney general in developing and maintaining the arson  
34 investigation information system. The confidentiality provisions of  
35 that chapter shall be fully enforced.

36        **Sec. 9.**    RCW 48.48.080 and 1986 c 266 s 74 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:

1 If as the result of any such investigation, or because of any  
2 information received, the (~~director of community development, through~~  
3 ~~the~~) director of fire protection((~~7~~)) is of the opinion that there is  
4 evidence sufficient to charge any person with any crime, he or she may  
5 cause such person to be arrested and charged with such offense, and  
6 shall furnish to the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the  
7 offense was committed, the names of witnesses and all pertinent and  
8 material evidence and testimony within his or her possession relative  
9 to the offense.

10 **Sec. 10.** RCW 52.12.031 and 1986 c 311 s 1 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 Any fire protection district organized under this title may:

13 (1) Lease, acquire, own, maintain, operate, and provide fire and  
14 emergency medical apparatus and all other necessary or proper  
15 facilities, machinery, and equipment for the prevention and suppression  
16 of fires, the providing of emergency medical services and the  
17 protection of life and property;

18 (2) Lease, acquire, own, maintain, and operate real property,  
19 improvements, and fixtures for housing, repairing, and maintaining the  
20 apparatus, facilities, machinery, and equipment described in subsection  
21 (1) of this section;

22 (3) Contract with any governmental entity under chapter 39.34 RCW  
23 or private person or entity to consolidate, provide, or cooperate for  
24 fire prevention protection, fire suppression, investigation, and  
25 emergency medical purposes. In so contracting, the district or  
26 governmental entity is deemed for all purposes to be acting within its  
27 governmental capacity. This contracting authority includes the  
28 furnishing of fire prevention, fire suppression, investigation,  
29 emergency medical services, facilities, and equipment to or by the  
30 district, governmental entity, or private person or entity;

31 (4) Encourage uniformity and coordination of fire protection  
32 district operations. The fire commissioners of fire protection  
33 districts may form an association to secure information of value in  
34 suppressing and preventing fires and other district purposes, to hold  
35 and attend meetings, and to promote more economical and efficient  
36 operation of the associated fire protection districts. The  
37 commissioners of fire protection districts in the association shall  
38 adopt articles of association or articles of incorporation for a

1 nonprofit corporation, select a chairman, secretary, and other officers  
2 as they may determine, and may employ and discharge agents and  
3 employees as the officers deem convenient to carry out the purposes of  
4 the association. The expenses of the association may be paid from  
5 funds paid into the association by fire protection districts:  
6 PROVIDED, That the aggregate contributions made to the association by  
7 a district in a calendar year shall not exceed two and one-half cents  
8 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation;

9 (5) Enter into contracts to provide group life insurance for the  
10 benefit of the personnel of the fire districts;

11 (6) Perform building and property inspections that the district  
12 deems necessary to provide fire prevention services and pre-fire  
13 planning within the district and any area that the district serves by  
14 contract in accordance with RCW 19.27.110: PROVIDED, That codes used  
15 by the district for building and property inspections shall be limited  
16 to the applicable codes adopted by the state, county, city, or town  
17 that has jurisdiction over the area in which the property is located.  
18 A copy of inspection reports prepared by the district shall be  
19 furnished by the district to the appropriate state, county, city, or  
20 town that has jurisdiction over the area in which the property is  
21 located: PROVIDED, That nothing in this subsection shall be construed  
22 to grant code enforcement authority to a district. This subsection  
23 shall not be construed as imposing liability on any governmental  
24 jurisdiction;

25 (7) Determine the origin and cause of fires occurring within the  
26 district and any area the district serves by contract. In exercising  
27 the authority conferred by this subsection, the fire protection  
28 district and its authorized representatives shall comply with the  
29 provisions of RCW 48.48.060;

30 (8) Perform acts consistent with this title and not otherwise  
31 prohibited by law.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The association of fire commissioners that  
33 is authorized to be formed under RCW 52.12.031(4), the association of  
34 Washington cities, and the Washington state association of counties  
35 shall submit a report on achieving greater efficiency in the delivery  
36 of fire protection services to the government operations committee of  
37 the senate and the local government committee of the house of  
38 representatives on or before December 31, 1994.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    The state fire protection policy board  
2 shall conduct a study on the overlapping and confusing jurisdiction and  
3 responsibilities of local governments concerning fire investigation.  
4 The board shall make recommendations to the government operations  
5 committee of the senate and the local government committee of the house  
6 of representatives on or before December 31, 1994.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    The department of natural resources and the  
8 association of fire commissioners shall submit a report on the  
9 feasibility of providing fire protection for lands that are not  
10 federally protected, not protected by the department of natural  
11 resources, and not within the boundaries of a fire protection district  
12 to the government operations committee of the senate and the local  
13 government committee of the house of representatives on or before  
14 December 31, 1994.

15        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 14.**    This act does not apply to forest fire  
16 service personnel and programs.

17        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 15.**    RCW 48.48.120 and 1947 c 79 s .33.12 are  
18 each repealed.

19        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 16.**    This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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