
HOUSE BILL 1840

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Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to emergency communications; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that implementing
5 a command and control system statewide would:

6 (a) Provide a visual, computer-based common operating picture for
7 all decision makers in the event of an emergency;

8 (b) Reduce the need for radio frequency bandwidth for voice
9 communications;

10 (c) Allow emergency responders to take action based on a common
11 operating picture of the emergency situation; and

12 (d) Allow for redundant pathway capabilities, which would increase
13 the robustness of the state's communications system.

14 (2) The director shall establish a pilot project to design and test
15 a command and control data system. This program must be developed in
16 conjunction with a local organization for emergency services or
17 management. The pilot project must, at a minimum, have the following
18 capabilities:

19 (a) Compatibility with existing, legacy emergency radio systems;

1 (b) Integration capability with the United States department of
2 defense's command and control personal computer application;
3 (c) Open architecture design;
4 (d) Automated reporting and tracking in a geographic information
5 system environment; and
6 (e) Redundant communication pathways, including satellite links.
7 (3) By December 1, 2008, the adjunct general shall submit a report
8 to the legislature and the governor, indicating the feasibility and
9 cost of implementing a command and control data system statewide, and
10 making recommendations.
11 (4) The definitions in RCW 38.52.010 apply throughout this section.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
13 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
14 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
15 void.

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