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By Representatives Appleton, McCune, and Rolfes

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring notification to property owners of
2 emergency responses to property titled in their name; adding a new
3 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; adding a new section to
5 chapter 43.43 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 52.30 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) A municipal agency shall notify a property owner of a municipal
10 agency's response to an emergency on property titled in the owner's
11 name within twenty-four hours of the response by the municipal agency.

12 (2) For purposes of this section:

13 (a) "Emergency" means an incident that requires a normal police,
14 coroner, fire, rescue, emergency medical services, or utility response.

15 (b) "Municipal agency" includes police, coroner, fire, rescue,
16 emergency medical services, or utility department maintained or
17 contracted by the municipality.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) A municipal agency shall notify a property owner of a municipal
4 agency's response to an emergency on property titled in the owner's
5 name within twenty-four hours of the response by the municipal agency.

6 (2) For purposes of this section:

7 (a) "Emergency" means an incident that requires a normal police,
8 coroner, fire, rescue, emergency medical services, or utility response.

9 (b) "Municipal agency" includes police, coroner, fire, rescue,
10 emergency medical services, or utility department maintained or
11 contracted by the municipality.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A county agency shall notify a property owner of a county
15 agency's response to an emergency on property titled in the owner's
16 name within twenty-four hours of the response by the county agency.

17 (2) For purposes of this section:

18 (a) "Emergency" means an incident that requires a normal sheriff,
19 coroner, fire, rescue, emergency medical services, or utility response.

20 (b) "County agency" includes a sheriff, coroner, fire, rescue,
21 emergency medical services, or utility department maintained or
22 contracted by the county.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The Washington state patrol shall notify a property owner of
26 the Washington state patrol's response to an emergency on property
27 titled in the owner's name within twenty-four hours of the response by
28 the Washington state patrol.

29 (2) For purposes of this section "emergency" means an incident that
30 requires a normal state patrol, coroner, fire, rescue, emergency
31 medical services, or utility response.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 52.30 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) A fire protection district shall notify a property owner of a

1 fire protection district's response to an emergency on property titled
2 in the owner's name within twenty-four hours of the response by the
3 fire protection district.

4 (2) For purposes of this section "emergency" means an incident that
5 requires a normal sheriff, coroner, fire, rescue, emergency medical
6 services, or utility response.

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