
Capital Budget Committee

HB 2747

Brief Description: Modifying the use of funds in the fire service training account.

Sponsors: Representative Hansen; by request of Washington State Patrol.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds capital repairs and construction to the allowable uses of the Fire Services Training Account at the Fire Training Academy.

Hearing Date: 2/1/12

Staff: Steve Masse (786-7115).

Background:

The Washington State Patrol has authority for: (1) patrolling Washington state highways; (2) providing security for the Governor; (3) the Washington State Crime Lab; (4) the Investigative Services Bureau; and (4) the State Fire Marshall.

The State Fire Marshall is responsible for providing fire and life safety inspections in licensed care occupancies including nursing homes, boarding homes, group homes, hospitals, and childcare centers. The State Fire Marshall also may conduct construction plan review on new school construction and when local jurisdictions request assistance. They license the fireworks and the fire sprinkler industries, and certify fire sprinkler industry workers and cigarette manufacturers; train Washington State's fire service, in the field and at the Washington State Fire Training Academy; and coordinate fire service resources during large fires and disasters through the state's Fire Resource Mobilization Plan.

The Washington State Fire Training Academy (Academy) is located in North Bend, Washington. The Academy provides training for firefighters and public safety officials as well as private brigades and the maritime industry. The Academy also provides training for hazardous spill

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cleanup. The facility is comprised of an administrative building, three classrooms, dormitories, and support facilities.

The Fire Services Training Account (Account) consists of: (a) funds received by the Washington State Patrol for fire service training; (b) all grants and bequests accepted by the Washington State Patrol; (c) 20 percent of all moneys received by the state on fire insurance premiums; and (d) State General Fund moneys appropriated into the account by the Legislature.

The Account may only be used for fire service training and for contracting with the Washington State Firefighters Apprenticeship Trust for the operation of the Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Training Program. During the 2011-13 biennium, the Legislature amended the Account in the back of the capital budget allowing funds to be used for school fire prevention activities within the Washington State Patrol, and for predesign and repairs of the burn building at the Academy.

Summary of Bill:

The use of the Fire Services Training Account is expanded to include capital projects at the Fire Training Academy.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.