

1 **HB 2319** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Select Committee on Community Security

3 On page 6, beginning on line 23, strike all of section 3 and  
4 insert the following:

5 "**Sec. 3.** RCW 38.52.040 and 1995 c 269 s 1202 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) There is hereby created the emergency management council  
8 (hereinafter called the council), to consist of ~~((not more than~~  
9 ~~seventeen))~~ members who shall be appointed by the governor. The  
10 membership of the council shall include, but not be limited to~~((7))~~:

11 (a) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each of  
12 the two largest caucuses in the house of representatives;

13 (b) Two members of the senate, one from each of the two largest  
14 caucuses in the senate;

15 (c) Representatives of city and county governments, sheriffs and  
16 police chiefs, the Washington state patrol, the military department,  
17 the department of ecology, state and local fire chiefs, local public  
18 health agencies, seismic safety experts, state and local emergency  
19 management directors, search and rescue volunteers, medical professions  
20 who have expertise in emergency medical care, building officials, and  
21 private industry. The representatives of private industry shall  
22 include persons knowledgeable in emergency and hazardous materials  
23 management; and

24 (d) Any other members the governor deems necessary.

25 (2) The council members shall elect a chairman from within the  
26 council membership. The members of the council shall serve without  
27 compensation, but legislative members may be reimbursed in accordance  
28 with RCW 44.04.120 for travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
29 their duties, and nonlegislative members may be reimbursed for their  
30 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
31 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 ~~((as now existing or~~  
32 ~~hereafter amended))~~.

33 ~~((+2))~~ (3) The emergency management council shall advise the  
34 governor and the director on all matters pertaining to state and local  
35 emergency management. The council may appoint such ad hoc committees,  
36 subcommittees, and working groups as are required to develop specific

1 recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices,  
2 standards, policies, or procedures. The council shall ensure that the  
3 governor receives an annual assessment of state-wide emergency  
4 preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard  
5 mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety  
6 improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous  
7 materials planning and response activities.

8 (4) The council or a subcommittee thereof shall periodically  
9 convene in special session and serve during those sessions as the state  
10 emergency response commission required by P.L. 99-499, the emergency  
11 planning and community right-to-know act. When sitting in session as  
12 the state emergency response commission, the council shall confine its  
13 deliberations to those items specified in federal statutes and state  
14 administrative rules governing the coordination of hazardous materials  
15 policy. The council shall review administrative rules governing state  
16 and local emergency management practices and recommend necessary  
17 revisions to the director."

**EFFECT:** (1) Changes the composition of the Emergency Management Council to include four legislative members and a representative of local public health agencies. (2) Eliminates the 17-member maximum and allows the Governor to appoint other members as needed. (3) References statutory provisions for travel reimbursements for legislative members.