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Provides that, in the event of an emergency or disaster as defined in RCW 38.52.010(6)(a), if the private sector is asked by state or local municipalities to assist in the life and rescue phase, claim costs incurred as a result of any ensuing injuries shall not be charged to the employer of record.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "life and rescue phase" means the first seventy-two hours after the occurrence of a natural or man-made disaster in which a state or municipal corporation, including law enforcement, acknowledges or declares such a disaster and requests assistance from the private sector in locating and rescuing survivors. The initial life and rescue phase may be extended for a finite period of time by declaration of the state or municipal corporation.