Title: An act relating to budget stabilization account transfers.

Brief Description: Concerning budget stabilization account transfers. [Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning budget stabilization account expenditures.]


Brief History:
Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/20/18, 2/21/18 [DPS, DNP].

Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill
• Authorizes appropriations from the Budget Stabilization Account for fire mobilization and suppression.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6174 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.
Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair; Braun, Ranking Member; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member; Bailey, Billig, Brown, Carlyle, Conway, Darnelle, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Mullet, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Van De Wege, Wagoner and Warnick.

Minority Report: Do not pass.
Signed by Senator Schoesler.

Staff: Julie Murray (786-7711)

Background: In 2007, the voters ratified a constitutional amendment that created the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) as Article VII, section 12 of the Washington Constitution. In general, appropriations from the BSA require a three-fifths majority in each house of the Legislature, but in the case of a catastrophic event or low employment growth, the Legislature may appropriate from the BSA with a constitutional majority vote of each house.

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On September 2, 2017, the Governor declared a state of emergency for all of Washington because of the high risk of wildfires throughout the state.

**Summary of Bill**: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute)**: For fiscal year 2018, $2.655 million is appropriated to the Washington State Patrol for fire mobilization costs and $19.808 million is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for fire suppression costs incurred during the 2017 fire season.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (First Substitute)**: For fiscal year 2018, $2.655 million is appropriated to the Washington State Patrol for fire mobilization costs and $19.808 million is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for fire suppression costs incurred during the 2017 fire season.

**Appropriation**: Two appropriations, totaling $22.463 million, are made to the Washington State Patrol and Department of Natural Resources.

**Fiscal Note**: Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members**: No.

**Effective Date**: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on First Substitute**: None.

**Persons Testifying**: No one.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying**: No one.