

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863**

65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 18, 2017  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2017  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Stokesbary, Appleton, and Stambaugh)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to the national fire incident reporting system;  
2 amending RCW 43.44.060; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.44.060 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 50 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            (1) The chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff  
7 or other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas  
8 not within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report  
9 statistical information and data to the chief of the Washington state  
10 patrol, through the director of fire protection, on each fire  
11 occurring within the official's jurisdiction and, within two business  
12 days, report any death resulting from fire.

13            (2) Reports submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section  
14 shall be consistent with the national fire incident reporting system  
15 developed by the United States fire administration and rules  
16 established by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
17 director of fire protection. Rules established by the chief of the  
18 Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection,  
19 must require fire departments to report data on the age of any  
20 structure involved in a fire when that information is available  
21 through property records or other methods.

1       (3) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
2 specific purpose, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through  
3 the director of fire protection, shall administer the national fire  
4 incident reporting system including, but not limited to, the  
5 following responsibilities:

6       (a) Purchasing equipment, including software, needed for the  
7 operation of the reporting system;

8       (b) Establishing procedures, standards, and guidelines pertaining  
9 to the statistical information and data reported by fire departments  
10 through the reporting system;

11       (c) Providing training and education to fire departments  
12 pertaining to the reporting system; and

13       (d) Employing staff to administer the reporting system, as  
14 needed.

15       (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
16 director of fire protection, and the department of natural resources  
17 shall jointly determine the statistical information to be reported on  
18 fires on land under the jurisdiction of the department of natural  
19 resources.

20       ~~((+2))~~ (5) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
21 director of fire protection, shall analyze the information and data  
22 reported, compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by July  
23 1st to each chief fire official in the state. Upon request, the chief  
24 of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
25 protection, shall also furnish a copy of the report to any other  
26 interested person at cost.

27       (6) For purposes of this section, "national fire incident  
28 reporting system" or "reporting system" means the national fire  
29 incident reporting system or the state equivalent as selected by the  
30 chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
31 protection.

32       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If specific funding for the purposes of  
33 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
34 provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
35 act is null and void.

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