SENATE BILL 5624

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By Senators J. Wilson, Fortunato, Holy, Dozier, McCune, Gildon, Torres, Goehner, Short, Warnick, and Wagoner

- AN ACT Relating to developing best practices for responding to
- 2 electric vehicle fires; and creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The Washington state patrol, in consultation with the department of ecology, local fire protection districts, the towing and recovery industry, and other entities, must develop best practices for multidiscipline responses and training for response to electric vehicle fires. At minimum, these best practices must provide guidance related to:
- 10 (a) The response from law enforcement, fire agencies, and other 11 first responders to electric vehicles involved in a collision or 12 fire; and
- 13 (b) Transporting, towing, and storing electric vehicles involved 14 in a collision or fire.
- 15 (2) The Washington state patrol, through the director of fire 16 protection, must develop best practice checklists to promote 17 interagency coordination during responses to electric vehicle fires. 18 The checklists must, at minimum, outline the best practices developed

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- 1 by the Washington state patrol in subsection (1) of this section and
- 2 shall be made available to all fire agencies in Washington.

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