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By Committee on Government Operations & Elections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "PART I - CITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** The legislature intends for city fire  
5 departments to set standards for addressing the reporting and  
6 accountability of substantially career fire departments, and to specify  
7 performance measures applicable to response time objectives for certain  
8 major services. The legislature acknowledges the efforts of the  
9 international city/county management association, the international  
10 association of fire chiefs, and the national fire protection  
11 association for the organization and deployment of resources for fire  
12 departments. The arrival of first responders with automatic external  
13 defibrillator capability before the onset of brain death, and the  
14 arrival of adequate fire suppression resources before flash-over is a  
15 critical event during the mitigation of an emergency, and is in the  
16 public's best interest. For these reasons, this chapter contains  
17 performance measures, comparable to that research, relating to the  
18 organization and deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency  
19 medical operations, and special operations by substantially career fire  
20 departments. This chapter does not, and is not intended to, in any way  
21 modify or limit the authority of cities and towns to set levels of  
22 service.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** The definitions in this section apply  
24 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

25 (1) "Advanced life support" means functional provision of advanced  
26 airway management, including intubation, advanced cardiac monitoring,  
27 manual defibrillation, establishment and maintenance of intravenous  
28 access, and drug therapy.

1 (2) "Aircraft rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
2 actions taken to rescue persons and to control or extinguish fire  
3 involving or adjacent to aircraft on the ground.

4 (3) "Brain death" as defined by the American heart association  
5 means the irreversible death of brain cells that begins four to six  
6 minutes after cardiac arrest.

7 (4) "City" means a first class city or a second class city that  
8 provides fire protection services in a specified geographic area.

9 (5) "Fire department" means a city or town fire department  
10 responsible for fire fighting actions, emergency medical services, and  
11 other special operations in a specified geographic area. The  
12 department must be a substantially career fire department, and not a  
13 substantially volunteer fire department.

14 (6) "Fire suppression" means the activities involved in controlling  
15 and extinguishing fires.

16 (7) "First responder" means provision of initial assessment and  
17 basic first-aid intervention, including cardiac pulmonary resuscitation  
18 and automatic external defibrillator capability.

19 (8) "Flash-over" as defined by national institute of standards and  
20 technology means when all combustibles in a room burst into flame and  
21 the fire spreads rapidly.

22 (9) "Marine rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
23 actions taken to prevent, control, or extinguish fire involved in or  
24 adjacent to a marine vessel and the rescue actions for occupants using  
25 normal and emergency routes for egress.

26 (10) "Response time" means the time immediately following the  
27 turnout time that begins when units are en route to the emergency  
28 incident and ends when units arrive at the scene.

29 (11) "Special operations" means those emergency incidents to which  
30 the fire department responds that require specific and advanced  
31 training and specialized tools and equipment.

32 (12) "Town" means a town that provides fire protection services,  
33 which may include fire fighting actions, emergency medical services,  
34 and other special operations, in a specified geographic area.

35 (13) "Turnout time" means the time beginning when units receive  
36 notification of the emergency to the beginning point of response time.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 103.**    (1) Every city and town shall maintain a  
2 written statement or policy that establishes the following:

- 3        (a) The existence of a fire department;
- 4        (b) Services that the fire department is required to provide;
- 5        (c) The basic organizational structure of the fire department;
- 6        (d) The expected number of fire department employees; and
- 7        (e) Functions that fire department employees are expected to  
8 perform.

9        (2) Every city and town shall include service delivery objectives  
10 in the written statement or policy required under subsection (1) of  
11 this section. These objectives shall include specific response time  
12 objectives for the following major service components, if appropriate:

- 13        (a) Fire suppression;
- 14        (b) Emergency medical services;
- 15        (c) Special operations;
- 16        (d) Aircraft rescue and fire fighting;
- 17        (e) Marine rescue and fire fighting; and
- 18        (f) Wild land fire fighting.

19        (3) Every city and town, in order to measure the ability to arrive  
20 and begin mitigation operations before the critical events of brain  
21 death or flash-over, shall establish time objectives for the following  
22 measurements:

- 23        (a) Turnout time;
- 24        (b) Response time for the arrival of the first arriving engine  
25 company at a fire suppression incident and response time for the  
26 deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression  
27 incident;
- 28        (c) Response time for the arrival of a unit with first responder or  
29 higher level capability at an emergency medical incident; and
- 30        (d) Response time for the arrival of an advanced life support unit  
31 at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the  
32 fire department.

33        (4) Every city and town shall also establish a performance  
34 objective of not less than ninety percent for the achievement of each  
35 response time objective established under subsection (3) of this  
36 section.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 202.**    The definitions in this section apply  
2 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3        (1) "Advanced life support" means functional provision of advanced  
4 airway management, including intubation, advanced cardiac monitoring,  
5 manual defibrillation, establishment and maintenance of intravenous  
6 access, and drug therapy.

7        (2) "Aircraft rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
8 actions taken to rescue persons and to control or extinguish fire  
9 involving or adjacent to aircraft on the ground.

10       (3) "Brain death" as defined by the American heart association  
11 means the irreversible death of brain cells that begins four to six  
12 minutes after cardiac arrest.

13       (4) "Code city" means a code city that provides fire protection  
14 services, which may include fire fighting actions, emergency medical  
15 services, and other special operations, in a specified geographic area.

16       (5) "Fire department" means a code city fire department responsible  
17 for fire fighting actions, emergency medical services, and other  
18 special operations in a specified geographic area. The department must  
19 be a substantially career fire department, and not a substantially  
20 volunteer fire department.

21       (6) "Fire suppression" means the activities involved in controlling  
22 and extinguishing fires.

23       (7) "First responder" means provision of initial assessment and  
24 basic first-aid intervention, including cardiac pulmonary resuscitation  
25 and automatic external defibrillator capability.

26       (8) "Flash-over" as defined by national institute of standards and  
27 technology means when all combustibles in a room burst into flame and  
28 the fire spreads rapidly.

29       (9) "Marine rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
30 actions taken to prevent, control, or extinguish fire involved in or  
31 adjacent to a marine vessel and the rescue actions for occupants using  
32 normal and emergency routes for egress.

33       (10) "Response time" means the time immediately following the  
34 turnout time that begins when units are en route to the emergency  
35 incident and ends when units arrive at the scene.

36       (11) "Special operations" means those emergency incidents to which  
37 the fire department responds that require specific and advanced  
38 training and specialized tools and equipment.

1 (12) "Turnout time" means the time beginning when units receive  
2 notification of the emergency to the beginning point of response time.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 203.** (1) Every code city shall maintain a  
4 written statement or policy that establishes the following:

- 5 (a) The existence of a fire department;
- 6 (b) Services that the fire department is required to provide;
- 7 (c) The basic organizational structure of the fire department;
- 8 (d) The expected number of fire department employees; and
- 9 (e) Functions that fire department employees are expected to  
10 perform.

11 (2) Every code city shall include service delivery objectives in  
12 the written statement or policy required under subsection (1) of this  
13 section. These objectives shall include specific response time  
14 objectives for the following major service components, if appropriate:

- 15 (a) Fire suppression;
- 16 (b) Emergency medical services;
- 17 (c) Special operations;
- 18 (d) Aircraft rescue and fire fighting;
- 19 (e) Marine rescue and fire fighting; and
- 20 (f) Wild land fire fighting.

21 (3) Every code city, in order to measure the ability to arrive and  
22 begin mitigation operations before the critical events of brain death  
23 or flash-over, shall establish time objectives for the following  
24 measurements:

- 25 (a) Turnout time;
- 26 (b) Response time for the arrival of the first arriving engine  
27 company at a fire suppression incident and response time for the  
28 deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression  
29 incident;
- 30 (c) Response time for the arrival of a unit with first responder or  
31 higher level capability at an emergency medical incident; and
- 32 (d) Response time for the arrival of an advanced life support unit  
33 at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the  
34 fire department.

35 (4) Every code city shall also establish a performance objective of  
36 not less than ninety percent for the achievement of each response time  
37 objective established under subsection (3) of this section.



1           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 302.** The definitions in this section apply

2 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3           (1) "Advanced life support" means functional provision of advanced  
4 airway management, including intubation, advanced cardiac monitoring,  
5 manual defibrillation, establishment and maintenance of intravenous  
6 access, and drug therapy.

7           (2) "Aircraft rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
8 actions taken to rescue persons and to control or extinguish fire  
9 involving or adjacent to aircraft on the ground.

10           (3) "Brain death" as defined by the American heart association  
11 means the irreversible death of brain cells that begins four to six  
12 minutes after cardiac arrest.

13           (4) "Fire department" means a fire protection district or a  
14 regional fire protection service authority responsible for fire  
15 fighting actions, emergency medical services, and other special  
16 operations in a specified geographic area. The department must be a  
17 substantially career fire department, and not a substantially volunteer  
18 fire department.

19           (5) "Fire suppression" means the activities involved in controlling  
20 and extinguishing fires.

21           (6) "First responder" means provision of initial assessment and  
22 basic first-aid intervention, including cardiac pulmonary resuscitation  
23 and automatic external defibrillator capability.

24           (7) "Flash-over" as defined by national institute of standards and  
25 technology means when all combustibles in a room burst into flame and  
26 the fire spreads rapidly.

27           (8) "Marine rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
28 actions taken to prevent, control, or extinguish fire involved in or  
29 adjacent to a marine vessel and the rescue actions for occupants using  
30 normal and emergency routes for egress.

31           (9) "Response time" means the time immediately following the  
32 turnout time that begins when units are en route to the emergency  
33 incident and ends when units arrive at the scene.

34           (10) "Special operations" means those emergency incidents to which  
35 the fire department responds that require specific and advanced  
36 training and specialized tools and equipment.

37           (11) "Turnout time" means the time beginning when units receive  
38 notification of the emergency to the beginning point of response time.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 303.**    (1) Every fire protection district and  
2 regional fire protection service authority shall maintain a written  
3 statement or policy that establishes the following:

- 4        (a) The existence of a fire department;
- 5        (b) Services that the fire department is required to provide;
- 6        (c) The basic organizational structure of the fire department;
- 7        (d) The expected number of fire department employees; and
- 8        (e) Functions that fire department employees are expected to  
9 perform.

10       (2) Every fire protection district and regional fire protection  
11 service authority shall include service delivery objectives in the  
12 written statement or policy required under subsection (1) of this  
13 section.    These objectives shall include specific response time  
14 objectives for the following major service components, if appropriate:

- 15       (a) Fire suppression;
- 16       (b) Emergency medical services;
- 17       (c) Special operations;
- 18       (d) Aircraft rescue and fire fighting;
- 19       (e) Marine rescue and fire fighting; and
- 20       (f) Wild land fire fighting.

21       (3) Every fire protection district and regional fire protection  
22 service authority, in order to measure the ability to arrive and begin  
23 mitigation operations before the critical events of brain death or  
24 flash-over, shall establish time objectives for the following  
25 measurements:

- 26       (a) Turnout time;
- 27       (b) Response time for the arrival of the first arriving engine  
28 company at a fire suppression incident and response time for the  
29 deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression  
30 incident;
- 31       (c) Response time for the arrival of a unit with first responder or  
32 higher level capability at an emergency medical incident; and
- 33       (d) Response time for the arrival of an advanced life support unit  
34 at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the  
35 fire department.

36       (4) Every fire protection district and regional fire protection  
37 service authority shall also establish a performance objective of not

1 less than ninety percent for the achievement of each response time  
2 objective established under subsection (3) of this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 304.** (1) Every fire protection district and  
4 regional fire protection service authority shall evaluate its level of  
5 service and deployment delivery and response time objectives on an  
6 annual basis. The evaluations shall be based on data relating to level  
7 of service, deployment, and the achievement of each response time  
8 objective in each geographic area within the jurisdiction of the fire  
9 protection district and regional fire protection service authority.

10 (2) Beginning in 2007, every fire protection district and regional  
11 fire protection service authority shall issue an annual written report  
12 which shall be based on the annual evaluations required by subsection  
13 (1) of this section.

14 (a) The annual report shall define the geographic areas and  
15 circumstances in which the requirements of this standard are not being  
16 met.

17 (b) The annual report shall explain the predictable consequences of  
18 any deficiencies and address the steps that are necessary to achieve  
19 compliance.

20 **PART IV - PORT DISTRICTS**

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401.** The legislature intends for port districts  
22 to set standards for addressing the reporting and accountability of  
23 substantially career fire departments, and to specify performance  
24 measures applicable to response time objectives for certain major  
25 services. The legislature acknowledges the efforts of the  
26 international city/county management association, the international  
27 association of fire chiefs, and the national fire protection  
28 association for the organization and deployment of resources for fire  
29 departments. The arrival of first responders with automatic external  
30 defibrillator capability before the onset of brain death, and the  
31 arrival of adequate fire suppression resources before flash-over is a  
32 critical event during the mitigation of an emergency, and is in the  
33 public's best interest. For these reasons, this chapter contains  
34 performance measures, comparable to that research, relating to the  
35 organization and deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency

1 medical operations, and special operations by substantially career fire  
2 departments. This chapter does not, and is not intended to, in any way  
3 modify or limit the authority of port districts to set levels of  
4 service.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 402.** The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Advanced life support" means functional provision of advanced  
8 airway management, including intubation, advanced cardiac monitoring,  
9 manual defibrillation, establishment and maintenance of intravenous  
10 access, and drug therapy.

11 (2) "Aircraft rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
12 actions taken to rescue persons and to control or extinguish fire  
13 involving or adjacent to aircraft on the ground.

14 (3) "Brain death" as defined by the American heart association  
15 means the irreversible death of brain cells that begins four to six  
16 minutes after cardiac arrest.

17 (4) "Fire department" means a port district fire department  
18 responsible for fire fighting actions, emergency medical services, and  
19 other special operations in a specified geographic area. The  
20 department must be a substantially career fire department, and not a  
21 substantially volunteer fire department.

22 (5) "Fire suppression" means the activities involved in controlling  
23 and extinguishing fires.

24 (6) "First responder" means provision of initial assessment and  
25 basic first-aid intervention, including cardiac pulmonary resuscitation  
26 and automatic external defibrillator capability.

27 (7) "Flash-over" as defined by national institute of standards and  
28 technology means when all combustibles in a room burst into flame and  
29 the fire spreads rapidly.

30 (8) "Marine rescue and fire fighting" means the fire fighting  
31 actions taken to prevent, control, or extinguish fire involved in or  
32 adjacent to a marine vessel and the rescue actions for occupants using  
33 normal and emergency routes for egress.

34 (9) "Port" means a port district that provides fire protection  
35 services, which may include fire fighting actions, emergency medical  
36 services, and other special operations, in a specified geographic area.

1 (10) "Response time" means the time immediately following the  
2 turnout time that begins when units are en route to the emergency  
3 incident and ends when units arrive at the scene.

4 (11) "Special operations" means those emergency incidents to which  
5 the fire department responds that require specific and advanced  
6 training and specialized tools and equipment.

7 (12) "Turnout time" means the time beginning when units receive  
8 notification of the emergency to the beginning point of response time.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** (1) Every port shall maintain a written  
10 statement or policy that establishes the following:

- 11 (a) The existence of a fire department;
- 12 (b) Services that the fire department is required to provide;
- 13 (c) The basic organizational structure of the fire department;
- 14 (d) The expected number of fire department employees; and
- 15 (e) Functions that fire department employees are expected to  
16 perform.

17 (2) Every port shall include service delivery objectives in the  
18 written statement or policy required under subsection (1) of this  
19 section. These objectives shall include specific response time  
20 objectives for the following major service components, if appropriate:

- 21 (a) Fire suppression;
- 22 (b) Emergency medical services;
- 23 (c) Special operations;
- 24 (d) Aircraft rescue and fire fighting;
- 25 (e) Marine rescue and fire fighting; and
- 26 (f) Wild land fire fighting.

27 (3) Every port, in order to measure the ability to arrive and begin  
28 mitigation operations before the critical events of brain death or  
29 flash-over, shall establish time objectives for the following  
30 measurements:

- 31 (a) Turnout time;
- 32 (b) Response time for the arrival of the first arriving engine  
33 company at a fire suppression incident and response time for the  
34 deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression  
35 incident;
- 36 (c) Response time for the arrival of a unit with first responder or  
37 higher level capability at an emergency medical incident; and

1 (d) Response time for the arrival of an advanced life support unit  
2 at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the  
3 fire department.

4 (4) Every port shall also establish a performance objective of not  
5 less than ninety percent for the achievement of each response time  
6 objective established under subsection (3) of this section.

7 (5) An annual part 139 inspection and certification by the federal  
8 aviation administration shall be considered to meet the requirements of  
9 this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 404.** (1) Every port shall evaluate its level of  
11 service and deployment delivery and response time objectives on an  
12 annual basis. The evaluations shall be based on data relating to level  
13 of service, deployment, and the achievement of each response time  
14 objective in each geographic area within the port's jurisdiction.

15 (2) Beginning in 2007, every port shall issue an annual written  
16 report which shall be based on the annual evaluations required by  
17 subsection (1) of this section.

18 (a) The annual report shall define the geographic areas and  
19 circumstances in which the requirements of this standard are not being  
20 met.

21 (b) The annual report shall explain the predictable consequences of  
22 any deficiencies and address the steps that are necessary to achieve  
23 compliance.

24 (3) An annual part 139 inspection and certification by the federal  
25 aviation administration shall be considered to meet the requirements of  
26 this section.

27 **PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** Part headings used in this act are not any  
29 part of the law.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** (1) Sections 101 through 104 of this act  
31 constitute a new chapter in Title 35 RCW.

32 (2) Sections 201 through 204 of this act constitute a new chapter  
33 in Title 35A RCW.

1 (3) Sections 301 through 304 of this act constitute a new chapter  
2 in Title 52 RCW.

3 (4) Sections 401 through 404 of this act constitute a new chapter  
4 in Title 53 RCW."

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5 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "employees;" strike the  
6 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 35  
7 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 35A RCW; adding a new chapter to  
8 Title 52 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 53 RCW; and creating a new  
9 section."

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