

SSB 5455 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Local Government

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.43.934 and 2012 c 229 s 818 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The director of fire protection shall:

6 (1)(a)(i) With the state board for community and technical  
7 colleges, provide academic, vocational, and field training programs  
8 for the fire service; and (ii) with the state colleges and  
9 universities, provide instructional programs requiring advanced  
10 training, especially in command and management skills;

11 (b) Cooperate with the common schools, technical and community  
12 colleges, institutions of higher education, and any department or  
13 division of the state, or of any county or municipal corporation in  
14 establishing and maintaining instruction in fire service training and  
15 education in accordance with any act of congress and legislation  
16 enacted by the legislature in pursuance thereof and in establishing,  
17 building, and operating training and education facilities.

18 Industrial fire departments and private fire investigators may  
19 participate in training and education programs under this chapter for  
20 a reasonable fee established by rule;

21 (c) Develop and adopt a master plan for constructing, equipping,  
22 maintaining, and operating necessary fire service training and  
23 education facilities subject to the provisions of chapter 43.19 RCW;

24 (d) Develop and adopt a master plan for the purchase, lease, or  
25 other acquisition of real estate necessary for fire service training  
26 and education facilities in a manner provided by law; and

27 (e)(i) ~~Develop and adopt a plan ((with a goal of providing~~  
28 ~~firefighter one and wildland training to all firefighters in the~~  
29 ~~state. Wildland training reimbursement will be provided if a fire~~  
30 ~~protection district or a city fire department has and is fulfilling~~  
31 ~~their interior attack policy or if they do not have an interior~~  
32 ~~attack policy. The plan will include a reimbursement for fire~~  
33 ~~protection districts and city fire departments of not less than three~~  
34 ~~dollars for every hour of firefighter one or wildland training. The~~

1 ~~Washington state patrol shall not provide reimbursement for more than~~  
2 ~~two hundred hours of firefighter one or wildland training for each~~  
3 ~~firefighter trained))~~ for the Washington state patrol fire training  
4 academy to deliver basic firefighter training and testing to all city  
5 fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire protection  
6 service authorities, and other public fire agencies in the state. The  
7 plan required by this subsection (1)(e) must specify that the  
8 delivery of training and testing services will be provided:

9 (A) To recipients in the following order of priority:

10 (I) Volunteer departments;

11 (II) Combination departments; and

12 (III) Fire agencies that employ only career firefighters and fire  
13 officers; and

14 (B) By personnel of the fire training academy, either at the  
15 academy's facilities in North Bend, Washington, or regionally at  
16 local fire agencies.

17 (ii)(A) In lieu of receiving training and testing services from  
18 the fire training academy, city fire departments, fire protection  
19 districts, regional fire protection service authorities, and other  
20 public fire agencies in the state may seek reimbursement for their  
21 firefighter I training expenses. The amount of reimbursement will be  
22 calculated on a per capita basis. The per capita amount is equal to  
23 the three-year statewide firefighter per capita average for the  
24 regional direct delivery of training by the fire training academy.  
25 The three-year statewide firefighter per capita average is calculated  
26 by dividing the total cost of providing regional direct delivery  
27 during the three-year period by the number of firefighters trained  
28 through the regional direct delivery program during the same three-  
29 year period. The regional direct delivery costs used for the basis of  
30 these calculations does not include the costs of the fire training  
31 academy personnel used to coordinate the direct delivery programs,  
32 the state's indirect costs, or any other indirect costs.

33 (B) Prior to the implementation of the reimbursement provisions  
34 in (e)(ii)(A) of this subsection, the amount of reimbursement for  
35 city fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire  
36 protection service authorities, and other public fire agencies must  
37 be not less than three dollars for every one hour of firefighter I  
38 training, and may not exceed two hundred hours per firefighter.

39 (iii) Subject to approval by the director of fire protection, and  
40 in accordance with the plan required by this subsection (1)(e), the

1 fire training academy facilities and programs must be made available  
2 at no cost to fire service youth programs. The goal of making these  
3 facilities and programs available is to increase enrollment of  
4 volunteer firefighters, and to improve gender, cultural, and ethnic  
5 diversity within the fire service.

6 (iv) For purposes of this subsection (1)(e), the following  
7 definitions apply:

8 (A) "Basic firefighter training and testing" means training and  
9 testing for firefighters that is up to and includes the requirements  
10 of firefighter I, as identified by the national fire protection  
11 association standard 1001;

12 (B) "Combination department" means a fire department with  
13 emergency service personnel comprising less than eighty-five percent  
14 of either volunteer or career membership;

15 (C) "Delivery of training" includes all resources, personnel, and  
16 equipment necessary to deliver training at the fire academy in North  
17 Bend, Washington, or regionally at local fire agencies; and

18 (D) "Volunteer department" means a fire department with volunteer  
19 emergency service personnel comprising eighty-five percent or greater  
20 of its department membership.

21 (2)(a) Promote mutual aid and disaster planning for fire services  
22 in this state;

23 (b) Assure the dissemination of information concerning the amount  
24 of fire damage including that damage caused by arson, and its causes  
25 and prevention; and

26 (c) Implement any legislation enacted by the legislature to meet  
27 the requirements of any acts of congress that apply to this section.

28 (3) In carrying out its statutory duties, the office of the state  
29 fire marshal shall give particular consideration to the appropriate  
30 roles to be played by the state and by local jurisdictions with fire  
31 protection responsibilities. Any determinations on the division of  
32 responsibility shall be made in consultation with local fire  
33 officials and their representatives.

34 To the extent possible, the office of the state fire marshal  
35 shall encourage development of regional units along compatible  
36 geographic, population, economic, and fire risk dimensions. Such  
37 regional units may serve to: (a) Reinforce coordination among state  
38 and local activities in fire service training, reporting,  
39 inspections, and investigations; (b) identify areas of special need,  
40 particularly in smaller jurisdictions with inadequate resources; (c)

1 assist the state in its oversight responsibilities; (d) identify  
2 funding needs and options at both the state and local levels; and (e)  
3 provide models for building local capacity in fire protection  
4 programs."

5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Adds a provision specifying that, prior to implementation of the reimbursement provisions proposed in the underlying bill, the reimbursement amount for city fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire protection service authorities, and other public fire agencies must be not less than three dollars for every one hour of firefighter I training, and may not exceed 200 hours per firefighter.

(2) Makes numerous technical changes, including changing references to "fire districts" to "fire protection districts," changing references to "regional fire authorities" to "regional fire protection service authorities," changing references to "municipal fire agencies" to "public fire agencies," consolidating definitions established in the underlying bill into a single subsection, and rewording reimbursement provisions.

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