

SHB 2561 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

OUT OF ORDER 03/02/2018

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The commissioner of public lands must
4 direct the wildland fire advisory committee established in RCW
5 76.04.179 to review, analyze, and make recommendations on the
6 following issues related to wild fire prevention, response, and
7 suppression activities within our state:

8 (a) The committee, with the assistance of department of natural
9 resources' personnel, must approximately quantify the areas in the
10 state that are not contained within an established fire district nor
11 subject to a planned fire response and make recommendations as to how
12 these areas could be protected as well as a source of funding for any
13 recommended activities. In doing so, the committee must, in time for
14 inclusion in the December 31, 2018, status report: Review the
15 relevant recommendations contained in the joint legislative audit and
16 review committee's 2017 final report on fees assessed for forest fire
17 protection; analyze and develop recommendations on potential
18 administrative and legislative actions including, for example, the
19 process proposed in chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6575),
20 Laws of 2018; and consult with any relevant stakeholders, as deemed
21 necessary by the committee, that are not represented on the
22 committee.

23 (b) The committee must examine the value of community programs
24 that educate homeowners and engage in preventive projects within wild
25 fire risk communities, such as firewise, and make recommendations on
26 whether these programs should be advanced, and if so, how, including
27 potential sources of ongoing funding for the programs.

28 (2) The department of natural resources must provide to the
29 appropriate committees of the legislature a status report of the
30 committee's efforts by December 31, 2018, and issue a report with the
31 committee's recommendations by November 15, 2019.

1 (3) This section expires December 31, 2019."

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2 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "committee;" strike the
3 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Specifies that the committee must review a JLARC report, develop recommendations on potential processes to resolve the issue of unprotected lands, and consult with other relevant stakeholders, if any, by December 31, 2018.

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