

HB 2733 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.04
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, the department must create a prescribed burn
7 manager certification program for those who practice prescribed
8 burning in the state. The certification program must include training
9 on all relevant aspects of prescribed fire in Washington including,
10 but not limited to, the following: Legal requirements; safety;
11 weather; fire behavior; smoke management; prescribed fire techniques;
12 public relations; planning; and contingencies.

13 (2) The department may not require certification under the
14 program created under subsection (1) of this section for burn permit
15 approval under this chapter. Nothing in this section may be construed
16 as creating a mandatory prescribed burn manager certification
17 requirement to conduct prescribed burning in Washington.

18 (3) No civil or criminal liability may be imposed by any court,
19 the state, or its officers and employees, on a prescribed burn
20 manager certified under the program created under subsection (1) of
21 this section, for any direct or proximate adverse impacts resulting
22 from a prescribed fire conducted under the provisions of this chapter
23 except upon proof of gross negligence or willful or wanton
24 misconduct.

25 (4) The department may adopt rules to create the prescribed burn
26 manager certification program and to set periodic renewal criteria.
27 The rules should be developed in consultation with prescribed burn
28 programs in other states. The department may also adopt rules to
29 establish a decertification process for certified prescribed burn
30 managers who commit a violation under this chapter or rules adopted
31 under this chapter. The department may, in its own discretion,
32 develop an equivalency test for experienced prescribed burn managers.

1 (5) Certified prescribed burn managers may be issued burn permits
2 with modified requirements in recognition of their training and
3 skills. In such cases, normal smoke management and fire risk
4 parameters apply."

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5 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "resources;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to
7 chapter 76.04 RCW."

EFFECT: Makes the bill subject to the amounts appropriated for
this specific purpose.

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