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HOUSE BILL 1613

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By Representatives Dent, Pettigrew, Chandler, Griffey, Ortiz-Self, Kagi, Johnson, and Fey; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget  
2 stabilization account for 2015 wildfires; creating a new section;  
3 making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) In accordance with Article VII,  
6 section 12 of the state Constitution, if the governor declares a  
7 state of emergency resulting from a catastrophic event that  
8 necessitates government action to protect life or public safety, then  
9 for that fiscal year moneys may be withdrawn and appropriated from  
10 the budget stabilization account, via separate legislation setting  
11 forth the nature of the emergency and containing an appropriation  
12 limited to the purposes contained in the declaration, by a favorable  
13 vote of a majority of the members elected to each house of the  
14 legislature.

15 (2) Consistent with subsection (1) of this section, for fiscal  
16 year 2016 the legislature appropriated \$34,365,000 from the budget  
17 stabilization account for the Washington state patrol to cover costs  
18 for the 2015 wildfires that were subject to a governor state of  
19 emergency declaration.

20 (3) Due to the timing of receiving invoices from those events,  
21 the Washington state patrol did not expend its entire fiscal year

1 2016 budget stabilization account appropriation and therefore needs a  
2 portion of those moneys reappropriated into fiscal year 2017.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL—FIRES. The  
4 sum of \$12,500,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
5 appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal  
6 year ending June 30, 2017, and is provided solely for Washington  
7 state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response  
8 to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through  
9 43.43.964 for 2015 wildfires. For the purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4),  
10 the appropriation in this section does not suspend the requirements  
11 of RCW 43.88.055(1).

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
14 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
15 effect immediately.

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