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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Unless the context clearly requires
8 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
9 chapter.

10 (1) "Department" means the department of community development.

11 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community
12 development.

13 (3) "State fire marshal" means the assistant director of the
14 division of fire protection services in the department of community
15 development.

16 (4) "Fire chief" includes the chief officer of a statutorily
17 authorized fire agency, or the fire chief's authorized representative.
18 Also included are the department of natural resources fire control
19 chief, and the department of natural resources regional managers.

20 (5) "Jurisdiction" means state, county, city, fire district, or
21 port district fighting units, or other units covered by this chapter.

22 (6) "Mobilization" means that fire fighting resources beyond those
23 available through existing agreements will be requested and, when
24 available, sent to fight a fire that has or soon will exceed the
25 capabilities of available local resources. During a large scale fire
26 emergency, mobilization includes redistribution of regional or state-
27 wide fire fighting resources to either direct fire fighting assignments
28 or to assignment in communities where fire fighting resources are

1 needed. This chapter shall not reduce or suspend the authority or
2 responsibility of the department of natural resources under chapter
3 76.04 RCW.

4 (7) "Mutual aid" means emergency interagency assistance provided
5 without compensation under an agreement between jurisdictions under
6 chapter 39.34 RCW."

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Because of the possibility of the
8 occurrence of disastrous fires or other disasters of unprecedented size
9 and destructiveness, the need to insure that the state is adequately
10 prepared to respond to such a fire or disaster, the need to establish
11 a mechanism and a procedure to provide for reimbursement to fire
12 fighting agencies that respond to help others in time of need, and
13 generally to protect the public peace, health, safety, lives, and
14 property of the people of Washington, it is hereby declared necessary
15 to:

16 (1) Provide the policy and organizational structure for large scale
17 mobilization of fire fighting resources in the state through creation
18 of the Washington state fire services mobilization plan;

19 (2) Confer upon the director of the department of community
20 development the powers provided herein; and

21 (3) Provide a means for reimbursement to fire jurisdictions that
22 incur expenses when mobilized by the director under the Washington
23 state fire services mobilization plan."

24 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is created the state fire defense
25 board consisting of the state fire marshal, a representative from the
26 department of natural resources appointed by the commissioner of public
27 lands, the assistant director of the emergency management division of
28 the department of community development, and one representative

1 selected by each regional fire defense board in the state. Members of
2 the state fire defense board shall select from among themselves a
3 chairperson. Members serving on the board do so in a voluntary
4 capacity and are not eligible for reimbursement for meeting-related
5 expenses from the state.

6 The state fire defense board shall develop and maintain the
7 Washington state fire services mobilization plan, which shall include
8 the procedures to be used during fire emergencies for coordinating
9 local, regional, and state fire jurisdiction resources. The Washington
10 state fire services mobilization plan shall be consistent with, and
11 made part of, the Washington state comprehensive emergency management
12 plan. The director shall review the fire services mobilization plan
13 as submitted by the state fire defense board and after consultation
14 with the fire protection policy board, recommend changes that may be
15 necessary, and approve the fire services mobilization plan for
16 inclusion within the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

17 It is the responsibility of the director to mobilize jurisdictions
18 under the Washington state fire services mobilization plan. The state
19 fire marshal shall serve as the state fire resources coordinator when
20 the Washington state fire services mobilization plan is mobilized."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Regions within the state are initially
22 established as follows but may be adjusted as necessary by the
23 director:

24 (1) Northwest region - Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, and
25 Island counties;

26 (2) Northeast region - Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille,
27 Spokane, and Lincoln counties;

28 (3) Olympic region - Clallam and Jefferson counties;

1 (4) South Puget Sound region - Kitsap, Mason, King, and Pierce
2 counties;

3 (5) Southeast region - Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Adams,
4 Whitman, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia,
5 Garfield, and Asotin counties;

6 (6) Central region - Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pacific, and Lewis
7 counties; and

8 (7) Southwest region - Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania
9 counties.

10 Within each of these regions there is created a regional fire
11 defense board. The regional fire defense boards shall consist of two
12 members from each county in the region. One member from each county
13 shall be appointed by the county fire chiefs' association or, in the
14 event there is no such county association, by the county's legislative
15 authority. Each county's office of emergency management or, in the
16 event there is no such office, the county's legislative authority shall
17 select the second representative to the regional board. The department
18 of natural resources fire control chief shall appoint a representative
19 from each department of natural resources region to serve as a member
20 of the appropriate regional fire defense board. Members of each
21 regional board will select a chairperson and secretary as officers.
22 Members serving on the regional boards do so in a voluntary capacity
23 and are not eligible for reimbursement for meeting-related expenses
24 from the state.

25 Regional defense boards shall develop regional fire service plans
26 that include provisions for organized fire agencies to respond across
27 municipal, county, or regional boundaries. Each regional plan shall be
28 consistent with the incident command system, the Washington state fire
29 services mobilization plan, and regional response plans already adopted
30 and in use in the state. The regional boards shall work with the

1 relevant local government entities to facilitate development of
2 intergovernmental agreements if any such agreements are required to
3 implement a regional fire service plan. Each regional plan shall be
4 approved by the state fire defense board before implementation."

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of community development
6 in consultation with the office of financial management shall develop
7 procedures to facilitate reimbursement to jurisdictions from
8 appropriate federal and state funds when jurisdictions are mobilized by
9 the director under the Washington state fire services mobilization
10 plan."

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
12 constitute a new chapter in Title 38 RCW."

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16 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "resources;" strike the
17 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title 38
18 RCW."