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1 AN ACT Relating to outdoor burning regulation duties of fire
2 districts and fire protection districts; and amending RCW 70.94.745 and
3 70.94.750.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.745 and 1991 c 199 s 401 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 It shall be the responsibility and duty of the department of
8 natural resources, department of ecology, department of agriculture,
9 (~~fire districts~~) and local air pollution control authorities to
10 establish, through regulations, ordinances, or policy, a limited
11 burning program for the people of this state, consisting of a one-
12 permit system, until such time as alternate technology or methods of
13 disposing of the organic refuse have been developed that are reasonably
14 economical and less harmful to the environment. It is the policy of

1 this state to foster and encourage development of alternate methods or
2 technology for disposing of or reducing the amount of organic refuse.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.94.750 and 1991 c 199 s 412 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The following outdoor fires described in this section may be burned
6 subject to the provisions of this chapter and also subject to city
7 ordinances, county resolutions, (~~rules of fire districts~~) and
8 laws(~~(7)~~) and rules enforced by the department of natural resources if
9 a permit has been issued by a (~~fire protection agency~~) county(~~(7)~~)
10 or conservation district:

11 (1) Fires consisting of leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard
12 and gardening refuse originating on lands immediately adjacent and in
13 close proximity to a human dwelling and burned on such lands by the
14 property owner or his or her designee.

15 (2) Fires consisting of residue of a natural character such as
16 trees, stumps, shrubbery or other natural vegetation arising from land
17 clearing projects or agricultural pursuits for pest or disease control;
18 provided the fires described in this subsection may be prohibited in
19 those areas having a general population density of one thousand or more
20 persons per square mile.