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1 AN ACT Relating to the inclusion of volunteer fire fighters on
2 department of labor and industries advisory committees regarding safety
3 standards for fire fighters; adding a new section to chapter 49.17 RCW;
4 and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that any
7 advisory committee created by the department of labor and industries
8 for the purpose of advising the department on safety standards and fire
9 fighting techniques for fire fighters provide the agency with a range
10 of perspectives that is representative of the various interests
11 throughout the industry. In Washington, there are approximately
12 eighteen thousand volunteer fire fighters serving the public.
13 Volunteer fire fighters have different safety interests and needs than
14 do fire fighters in more urban environments. These volunteer fire
15 fighters wish to have their voices heard in the process of developing
16 safety standards for the fire protection industry in Washington.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 If the department of labor and industries creates or participates
2 in a fire protection industry advisory committee, the committee must
3 have the level of diversity in geographical representation necessary to
4 fairly consider regulations specific to rural and outdoor fire
5 protection needs.

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