FINAL BILL REPORT HB 1556

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Increasing timeliness of fire death reports.

Sponsors: Representatives Hatfield, Bush, Romero, McDonald, Dickerson, Ballasiotes, Scott, Radcliff, Poulsen, Delvin, Constantine, Mastin and Murray; by request of Washington State Patrol.

House Committee on Local Government Senate Committee on State & Local Government

Background:

The Director of Fire Protection, within the Washington State Patrol, is charged with fire protection throughout the state. Statistical information and data regarding each fire that occurs within the state must be sent to the state fire protection office. The Chief of the Washington State Patrol, through the Director of Fire Protection, collects, analyzes, and reports statistical fire data, which is compiled into a report published by May 1 of each year and distributed to each chief fire official in the state.

Summary:

All fire-related deaths must be reported within two business days to the Director of Fire Protection for the purposes of compiling the statistical report. The deadline for releasing the report is extended from May 1 to July 1 of each year.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

Senate 42 0 (Senate amended)

House 95 2 (House concurred)

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