
HOUSE BILL 1839

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By Representative Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to suspending certain collective bargaining
2 agreements and administrative rules in the event of a disaster; adding
3 a new section to chapter 49.36 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 34.05 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.36 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) In the event of a disaster, any collective bargaining agreement
9 entered into on or after the effective date of this act shall be
10 suspended to the extent necessary to:

- 11 (a) Safely restore public utilities as quickly as possible; and
12 (b) Provide emergency services to persons affected by the disaster.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, "disaster" means any natural or
14 man-made condition that results in a declaration of emergency by a
15 county, the governor, or the president of the United States.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) In the event of a disaster, all rules shall be suspended to the
2 extent necessary to:

3 (a) Safely restore public utilities as quickly as possible; and

4 (b) Provide emergency services to persons affected by the disaster.

5 (2) For purposes of this section, "disaster" means any natural or
6 man-made condition that results in a declaration of emergency by a
7 county, the governor, or the president of the United States.

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