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on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing standards for emergency
2 preparedness kits; and adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of general administration, in consultation with
7 a representative of the emergency management division of the military
8 department and at least two vendors of emergency preparedness kits from
9 the private sector, shall establish purchasing and procurement policies
10 and safety standards that establish a preference for emergency
11 preparedness kits that are purchased or acquired by a state or local
12 agency.

13 At a minimum, the procurement policies and safety standards shall
14 include the following:

15 (a) How expiration dates shall be displayed on each kit
16 representing the shelf life of each kit and the contents therein;

17 (b) How each emergency preparedness kit, pouch, or container
18 containing the basic essentials are in compliance with the federal
19 environmental protection agency standards;

1 (c) How each emergency preparedness kit purchased or procured meets
2 or exceeds any federal regulations or procurement standards governing
3 emergency preparedness kits purchased on the federal level;

4 (d) What state agency shall have oversight responsibility for
5 selecting the vendor or vendors from whom any state or local agency may
6 purchase or acquire emergency preparedness kits and ensuring that such
7 kits meet the safety standards established in (a) through (c) of this
8 subsection.

9 (2) For the purposes of this section, "emergency preparedness kit"
10 means a supply of basic essentials for one person that includes, but is
11 not limited to, water, food, a first-aid kit, and special items for
12 infants and elder care.

13 (3) The department of general administration shall submit a report
14 to the legislature by December 1, 2008, on: (a) The emergency
15 preparedness kit safety standards established in subsection (1) of this
16 section; and (b) what state agencies currently purchase or acquire
17 emergency preparedness kits for public distribution.

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