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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863**

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**State of Washington                      65th Legislature                      2017 Regular Session**

**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Stokesbary, Appleton, and Stambaugh)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the national fire incident reporting system;  
2 amending RCW 43.44.060; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.44.060 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 50 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            (1) The chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff  
7 or other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas  
8 not within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report  
9 statistical information and data to the chief of the Washington state  
10 patrol, through the director of fire protection, on each fire  
11 occurring within the official's jurisdiction and, within two business  
12 days, report any death resulting from fire.

13            (2) Reports submitted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section  
14 shall be consistent with the national fire incident reporting system  
15 developed by the United States fire administration and rules  
16 established by the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
17 director of fire protection.

18            (3) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
19 specific purpose, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through  
20 the director of fire protection, shall administer the national fire

1 incident reporting system including, but not limited to, the  
2 following responsibilities:

3 (a) Purchasing equipment, including software, needed for the  
4 operation of the reporting system;

5 (b) Establishing procedures, standards, and guidelines pertaining  
6 to the statistical information and data reported by fire departments  
7 through the reporting system;

8 (c) Providing training and education to fire departments  
9 pertaining to the reporting system; and

10 (d) Employing staff to administer the reporting system, as  
11 needed.

12 (4) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
13 director of fire protection, and the department of natural resources  
14 shall jointly determine the statistical information to be reported on  
15 fires on land under the jurisdiction of the department of natural  
16 resources.

17 ((+2)) (5) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the  
18 director of fire protection, shall analyze the information and data  
19 reported, compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by July  
20 1st to each chief fire official in the state. Upon request, the chief  
21 of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
22 protection, shall also furnish a copy of the report to any other  
23 interested person at cost.

24 (6) For purposes of this section, "national fire incident  
25 reporting system" or "reporting system" means the national fire  
26 incident reporting system or the state equivalent as selected by the  
27 chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
28 protection.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If specific funding for the purposes of  
30 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
31 provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
32 act is null and void.

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