

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863

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NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1863** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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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. Rules established by the chief of the
18 Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection,
19 must require fire departments to report data on the age of any
20 structure involved in a fire when that information is available
21 through property records or other methods.

1 (3) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
2 specific purpose, the chief of the Washington state patrol, through
3 the director of fire protection, shall administer the national fire
4 incident reporting system including, but not limited to, the
5 following responsibilities:

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

8 (b) Establishing procedures, standards, and guidelines pertaining
9 to the statistical information and data reported by fire departments
10 through the reporting system;

11 (c) Providing training and education to fire departments
12 pertaining to the reporting system; and

13 (d) Employing staff to administer the reporting system, as
14 needed.

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

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

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

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

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