

SSB 5670 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Local Government

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 52.12.031 and 2010 c 8 s 15002 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Any fire protection district organized under this title may:

6 (1) Lease, acquire, own, maintain, operate, and provide fire and  
7 emergency medical apparatus and all other necessary or proper  
8 facilities, machinery, and equipment for the prevention and  
9 suppression of fires, the providing of emergency medical services and  
10 the protection of life and property;

11 (2) Enter into an interlocal agreement with any local  
12 jurisdiction to maintain and repair any vehicle or equipment owned  
13 and used exclusively by such county, city, town, school district, or  
14 other political subdivision of the state of Washington. As used in  
15 this subsection, "local jurisdiction" means any county, city, town,  
16 school district, or other political subdivision of the state of  
17 Washington;

18 (3) Lease, acquire, own, maintain, and operate real property,  
19 improvements, and fixtures for housing, repairing, and maintaining  
20 the apparatus, facilities, machinery, and equipment described in  
21 subsection (1) of this section;

22 ((+3)) (4) Contract with any governmental entity under chapter  
23 39.34 RCW or private person or entity to consolidate, provide, or  
24 cooperate for fire prevention protection, fire suppression,  
25 investigation, and emergency medical purposes. In so contracting, the  
26 district or governmental entity is deemed for all purposes to be  
27 acting within its governmental capacity. This contracting authority  
28 includes the furnishing of fire prevention, fire suppression,  
29 investigation, emergency medical services, facilities, and equipment  
30 to or by the district, governmental entity, or private person or  
31 entity;

1       (~~(4)~~) (5) Encourage uniformity and coordination of fire  
2 protection district operations. The fire commissioners of fire  
3 protection districts may form an association to secure information of  
4 value in suppressing and preventing fires and other district  
5 purposes, to hold and attend meetings, and to promote more economical  
6 and efficient operation of the associated fire protection districts.  
7 The commissioners of fire protection districts in the association  
8 shall adopt articles of association or articles of incorporation for  
9 a nonprofit corporation, select a chair, secretary, and other  
10 officers as they may determine, and may employ and discharge agents  
11 and employees as the officers deem convenient to carry out the  
12 purposes of the association. The expenses of the association may be  
13 paid from funds paid into the association by fire protection  
14 districts: PROVIDED, That the aggregate contributions made to the  
15 association by a district in a calendar year shall not exceed two and  
16 one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation;

17       (~~(5)~~) (6) Enter into contracts to provide group life insurance  
18 for the benefit of the personnel of the fire districts;

19       (~~(6)~~) (7) Perform building and property inspections that the  
20 district deems necessary to provide fire prevention services and pre-  
21 fire planning within the district and any area that the district  
22 serves by contract in accordance with RCW 19.27.110: PROVIDED, That  
23 codes used by the district for building and property inspections  
24 shall be limited to the applicable codes adopted by the state,  
25 county, city, or town that has jurisdiction over the area in which  
26 the property is located. A copy of inspection reports prepared by the  
27 district shall be furnished by the district to the appropriate state,  
28 county, city, or town that has jurisdiction over the area in which  
29 the property is located: PROVIDED, That nothing in this subsection  
30 shall be construed to grant code enforcement authority to a district.  
31 This subsection shall not be construed as imposing liability on any  
32 governmental jurisdiction;

33       (~~(7)~~) (8) Determine the origin and cause of fires occurring  
34 within the district and any area the district serves by contract. In  
35 exercising the authority conferred by this subsection, the fire  
36 protection district and its authorized representatives shall comply  
37 with the provisions of RCW 43.44.050;

38       (~~(8)~~) (9) Perform acts consistent with this title and not  
39 otherwise prohibited by law.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28A.160  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        The maintenance and repair of school buses may be provided by a  
4    fire protection district pursuant to RCW 52.12.031(1)."

5        Correct the title.

EFFECT:    Authorizes fire districts to enter into interlocal  
agreements to maintain and repair any equipment owned and used  
exclusively by a local jurisdiction.

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