

ESSB 6168 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5169.3/20) **1699**

By Representative Kretz

NOT ADOPTED 02/28/2020

1 On page 302, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Account--State
3 Appropriation... \$53,400,000"

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5 On page 302, line 38, correct the total.

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7 On page 308, after line 29, insert the following:

8 "(27) \$53,400,000 of the wildfire prevention and preparedness
9 account--state appropriation is provided solely for the following
10 purposes:

11 (a) \$10,000,000 is for fire preparedness activities, as described
12 in Sec. 918(2)(a) of this act;

13 (b) \$2,000,000 is for fire prevention activities, as described in
14 Sec. 918(2)(b) of this act;

15 (c) \$35,000,000 is for forest health activities, as described in
16 Sec. 918 (2)(c) of this act;

17 (d) \$5,000,000 is to provide to other state agencies for fire
18 prevention, preparedness, or recovery activities, as described in Sec.
19 918(2)(d) of this act;

20 (e) \$1,400,000 is for wildfire tracking and reporting systems, as
21 described in Sec. 918(2)(e) of this act."

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23 On page 471, beginning on line 15, strike all of section 727

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25 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
26 internal references accordingly.

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1 On page 474, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 731. A new section is added to 2019 c 415
3 (uncodified) to read as follows:

4 **FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT-WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND**
5 **PREPAREDNESS ACCOUNT**

6 General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2021)... \$53,400,000

7 TOTAL APPROPRIATION... \$53,400,000

8 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
9 conditions and limitations: The appropriation in this section is
10 provided solely for expenditure into the wildfire prevention and
11 preparedness account created in Section 918 of this act. It is the
12 intent of the legislature that an equivalent amount is appropriated
13 into the wildfire prevention and preparedness account in each fiscal
14 year of the ensuing biennium."

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16 On page 497, after line 2, insert the following:

17 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 918. A new section is added to chapter 76.04
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The wildfire prevention and preparedness account is created in
20 the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
21 appropriation.

22 (2) The moneys in the account must be appropriated for the
23 following priorities:

24 (a) Funding fire preparedness activities consistent with the goals
25 contained in the "10-year wildland fire protection strategy"
26 including, but not limited to, funding for full-time firefighters and
27 investments in ground and aerial firefighting equipment and
28 technology. When feasible, the department must prioritize the use of
29 local resources for the purposes of this subsection;

30 (b) Fire prevention activities consistent with the "20-year
31 eastern forest health strategy," the "10-year wildland fire protection
32 strategy," and the "forest action plan" including, but not limited to,
33 the national fire protection association's firewise USA and the
34 fire-adapted communities network programs to help communities take

1 action before, during, and after wildfires. If necessary or advisable,
2 the department may develop rules for the programs authorized under
3 this subsection (2)(b);

4 (c) Activities to restore and improve forest health and reduce
5 vulnerability to drought, insect infestation, disease, and other
6 threats to healthy forests. These activities include forest
7 management, such as thinning and use of prescribed fire, postfire
8 recovery activities, such as reforestation, and research and design
9 with respect to cross-laminate timber and other emerging products and
10 markets for those products. Funding priority must be given to
11 programs, activities, or projects aligned with the "20-year eastern
12 forest health strategy," the "10-year wildland fire protection
13 strategy," and the "forest action plan" prioritized pursuant to RCW
14 76.06.200 and 79.10.530 across any combination of local, state,
15 federal, tribal, and private ownerships;

16 (d) Funding of fire prevention, preparedness, or recovery
17 activities for other state agencies consistent with the "20-year
18 eastern forest health strategy," the "10-year wildland fire protection
19 strategy," and the "forest action plan"; and

20 (e) Funding for the investment in and maintenance of tracking and
21 reporting systems to ensure accountability and transparency in
22 wildfire prevention and preparedness activities and costs.

23 (3) The legislature may direct the forest health advisory
24 committee established in RCW 76.06.200 and wildland fire advisory
25 committee established in RCW 76.04.179 to provide recommendations for
26 investments under this section.

27 (4)(a) The forest health advisory committee and wildland fire
28 advisory committee must use environmental justice or equity focused
29 tools, such as the Washington tracking network's environmental health
30 disparities tool, to identify highly impacted communities. Analysis of
31 how to benefit these communities must be used as a factor in
32 determining recommendations for investments under this section.

33 (b) For the purposes of (a) of this subsection, "highly impacted
34 communities" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 19.405.020."

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- 2 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
- 3 internal references accordingly.
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- 5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes an appropriation of up to \$53.4 million attributable to incentive savings. Creates the Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Account (WPPA). Appropriates \$53.4M from the state general fund into the WPPA. Appropriates \$53.4M from the WPPA to the Department of Natural Resources for various fire prevention, preparedness, and forest health activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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