HOUSE BILL 2159

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By Representative Ormsby

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget
- 2 stabilization account for declared catastrophic events; creating a
- 3 new section; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** On July 31, 2018, the governor declared a
- 6 state of emergency in all counties due to threats to life and
- 7 property from existing and threatened wildfires.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—
- 9 FIRES. The sum of thirty-eight million nine hundred thirty-eight
- 10 thousand dollars is appropriated from the budget stabilization
- 11 account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and is provided
- 12 solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the department of
- 13 natural resources during the 2018 fire season. For purposes of RCW
- 14 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section does not alter the
- 15 requirement to balance in ensuing biennia.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

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- 1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
- 2 effect immediately.

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