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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing tribal representation on the
2 emergency management council; and amending RCW 38.52.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.52.040 and 2019 c 333 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the emergency management council
7 (hereinafter called the council), to consist of not more than
8 ((eighteen)) twenty members who shall be appointed by the adjutant
9 general. The membership of the council shall include, but not be
10 limited to, representatives of city and county governments, two
11 representatives of federally recognized tribes, sheriffs and police
12 chiefs, the Washington state patrol, the military department, the
13 department of ecology, state and local fire chiefs, seismic safety
14 experts, state and local emergency management directors, search and
15 rescue volunteers, medical professions who have expertise in
16 emergency medical care, building officials, private industry, and the
17 office of the superintendent of public instruction. The
18 representatives of private industry shall include persons
19 knowledgeable in emergency and hazardous materials management. The
20 councilmembers shall elect a chair from within the council
21 membership. The members of the council shall serve without

1 compensation, but may be reimbursed for their travel expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with RCW
3 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended.

4 (2) The emergency management council shall advise the governor
5 and the director on all matters pertaining to state and local
6 emergency management. The council may appoint such ad hoc committees,
7 subcommittees, and working groups as are required to develop specific
8 recommendations for the improvement of emergency management
9 practices, standards, policies, or procedures. The council shall
10 ensure that the governor receives an annual assessment of statewide
11 emergency preparedness including, but not limited to, specific
12 progress on hazard mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation
13 of seismic safety improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and
14 coordination of hazardous materials planning and response activities.
15 The council shall review administrative rules governing state and
16 local emergency management practices and recommend necessary
17 revisions to the director.

18 (3) The council or a council subcommittee shall serve and
19 periodically convene in special session as the state emergency
20 response commission required by the emergency planning and community
21 right-to-know act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11001 et seq.). The state emergency
22 response commission shall conduct those activities specified in
23 federal statutes and regulations and state administrative rules
24 governing the coordination of hazardous materials policy including,
25 but not limited to, review of local emergency planning committee
26 emergency response plans for compliance with the planning
27 requirements in the emergency planning and community right-to-know
28 act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11001 et seq.). Committees shall annually review
29 their plans to address changed conditions, and submit their plans to
30 the state emergency response commission for review when updated, but
31 not less than at least once every five years. The department may
32 employ staff to assist local emergency planning committees in the
33 development and annual review of these emergency response plans, with
34 an initial focus on the highest risk communities through which trains
35 that transport oil in bulk travel. By March 1, 2018, the department
36 shall report to the governor and legislature on progress towards
37 compliance with planning requirements. The report must also provide
38 budget and policy recommendations for continued support of local
39 emergency planning.

1 (4) (a) The intrastate mutual aid committee is created and is a
2 subcommittee of the emergency management council. The intrastate
3 mutual aid committee consists of not more than five members who must
4 be appointed by the council chair from council membership. The chair
5 of the intrastate mutual aid committee is the military department
6 representative appointed as a member of the council. Meetings of the
7 intrastate mutual aid committee must be held at least annually.

8 (b) In support of the intrastate mutual aid system established in
9 chapter 38.56 RCW, the intrastate mutual aid committee shall develop
10 and update guidelines and procedures to facilitate implementation of
11 the intrastate mutual aid system by member jurisdictions, including
12 but not limited to the following: Projected or anticipated costs;
13 checklists and forms for requesting and providing assistance;
14 recordkeeping; reimbursement procedures; and other implementation
15 issues. These guidelines and procedures are not subject to the rule-
16 making requirements of chapter 34.05 RCW.

17 (5) On emergency management issues that involve early learning,
18 kindergarten through twelfth grade, or higher education, the
19 emergency management council must consult with representatives from
20 the following organizations: The department of children, youth, and
21 families; the office of the superintendent of public instruction; the
22 state board for community and technical colleges; and an association
23 of public baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

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