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**HOUSE BILL 2402**

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**By** Representatives Dent, Chapman, Griffey, Couture, and Bronoske; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to the fire service training account; and  
2 amending RCW 43.43.944.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.944 and 2020 c 88 s 6 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The fire service training account is hereby established in  
7 the state treasury. The primary purpose of the account is firefighter  
8 training for both volunteer and career firefighters. The fund shall  
9 consist of:

10 (a) All fees received by the Washington state patrol for fire  
11 service training;

12 (b) All grants and bequests accepted by the Washington state  
13 patrol under RCW 43.43.940;

14 (c) (~~Twenty~~) Twenty-five percent of all moneys received by the  
15 state on fire insurance premiums;

16 (d) Revenue from penalties established under RCW 19.27.740; and

17 (e) General fund—state moneys appropriated into the account by  
18 the legislature.

19 (2) Moneys in the account may be appropriated for: (a) Fire  
20 service training; (b) school fire prevention activities within the  
21 Washington state patrol; and (c) the maintenance, operations, and

1 capital projects of the state fire training academy. However,  
2 expenditures for purposes of (b) and (c) of this subsection may only  
3 be made to the extent that these expenditures do not adversely affect  
4 expenditures for the purpose of (a) of this subsection. The state  
5 patrol may use amounts appropriated from the fire service training  
6 account under this section to contract with the Washington state  
7 firefighters apprenticeship trust for the operation of the  
8 firefighter joint apprenticeship training program. The contract may  
9 call for payments on a monthly basis.

10 (3) Any general fund—state moneys appropriated into the account  
11 shall be allocated solely to the firefighter joint apprenticeship  
12 training program. The Washington state patrol may contract with  
13 outside entities for the administration and delivery of the  
14 firefighter joint apprenticeship training program.

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