SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5812

State of Washington 68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators J. Wilson, Nguyen, Lovick, and McCune)

READ FIRST TIME 01/29/24.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to responding to electric vehicle fires; and
- 2 creating a new section.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The Washington state patrol, in consultation with the department of ecology, local fire protection districts, a representative of the towing and recovery industry, and other entities, must study the following elements of electric vehicle
- 8 fires:

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- 9 (a) Impacts to the environment and proximate residential areas, 10 and health impacts to responding firefighters;
 - (b) Best practices for fire response; and
- 12 (c) Best practices regarding clean-up and disposal efforts.
- 13 (2) By January 1, 2025, the Washington state patrol must report 14 to the appropriate committees of the legislature study findings and
- 15 any resulting policy or legislative recommendations.

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