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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.960 and 2019 c 259 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout this subchapter.

7 (1) "All risk resources" means those resources regularly provided
8 by fire departments, fire districts, and regional fire protection
9 service authorities required to respond to natural or man-made
10 incidents, including but not limited to:

- 11 (a) Wild land fires;
- 12 (b) Landslides;
- 13 (c) Earthquakes;
- 14 (d) Floods; and
- 15 (e) Contagious diseases.

16 (2) "Chief" means the chief of the Washington state patrol.

17 (3) "Fire chief" includes the chief officer of a statutorily
18 authorized fire agency, or the fire chief's authorized
19 representative. Also included are the department of natural resources
20 fire control chief, and the department of natural resources regional
21 managers.

22 (4) "Jurisdiction" means state, county, city, fire district,
23 regional fire protection service authority, or port district units,
24 or other units covered by this chapter.

25 (5) "Mobilization" means that all risk resources regularly
26 provided by fire departments, fire districts, and regional fire
27 protection service authorities beyond those available through
28 existing agreements will be requested and, when available, sent in
29 preparation of, or response to, an emergency or disaster situation
30 that has ~~((exceeded))~~ or is predicted to exceed the capabilities of
31 available local resources. During a large scale emergency,
32 mobilization includes the redistribution of regional or statewide

1 risk resources to either direct emergency incident assignments or to
2 assignment in communities where resources are needed. All risk
3 resources may not be mobilized to assist law enforcement with police
4 activities during a civil protest or demonstration, or other exercise
5 by the people of their constitutionally protected First Amendment
6 rights, or other protected concerted activity, however, fire
7 departments, fire districts, and regional fire protection service
8 authorities are not restricted from providing medical care or aid and
9 firefighting when mobilized for any purpose.

10 When mobilization is declared and authorized as provided in this
11 chapter, all risk resources regularly provided by fire departments,
12 fire districts, and regional fire protection service authorities
13 including those of the host fire protection authorities, i.e.
14 incident jurisdiction, shall be deemed as mobilized under this
15 chapter, including those that responded earlier under existing mutual
16 aid or other agreement. All nonhost fire protection authorities
17 providing resources in response to a mobilization declaration shall
18 be eligible for expense reimbursement as provided by this chapter
19 from the time of the mobilization declaration.

20 This chapter shall not reduce or suspend the authority or
21 responsibility of the department of natural resources under chapter
22 76.04 RCW.

23 (6) "Mutual aid" means emergency interagency assistance provided
24 without compensation under an agreement between jurisdictions under
25 chapter 39.34 RCW.

26 (7) "State fire marshal" means the director of fire protection in
27 the Washington state patrol."

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28 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "resources;" strike the
29 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 43.43.960."

EFFECT: Removes the null and void clause.

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