HOUSE BILL 1473

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By Representatives Gregerson, Callan, and Ormsby; by request of Office of Financial Management

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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 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. On August 2, 2024, 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 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—
- 9 FIRES. The sum of \$72,442,000 is appropriated from the budget
- 10 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and
- 11 is provided solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the
- 12 department of natural resources during the 2024 fire season. For
- 13 purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section does
- 14 not alter the requirement to balance in ensuing biennia.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 16 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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