
HOUSE BILL 2788

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection districts; adding a new section
2 to chapter 52.30 RCW; and repealing RCW 52.30.020.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 52.30 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Every public entity that owns a building shall pay a fire
7 protection district for fire protection services necessary for the
8 protection and safety of the building, equipment in the building, and
9 persons in the building. Fire protection services are necessary if the
10 building is located in the fire protection district, or is located in
11 a city or town contracting with the fire protection district for fire
12 protection services, or is located adjacently to the fire protection
13 district but is not within another district or a city or town providing
14 fire protection services with its own personnel and equipment. The

1 assessment shall not apply to a public building: (a) Leased to a
2 nontax exempt organization or person; (b) receiving fire protection
3 services performed by the staff and equipment of the public entity that
4 owns the building; or (c) receiving fire protection services by
5 contract from a city, town, or another fire protection district.

6 (2) The amount that a school district pays a fire protection
7 district shall be determined from uniform rates established by the
8 insurance commissioner. The rates shall be based upon criteria
9 developed by the superintendent of public instruction, the insurance
10 commissioner, the director of financial management, and the executive
11 director of the Washington fire commissions association, or their
12 designees. Each biennial budget that is submitted to the governor by
13 the superintendent of public instruction shall include an amount
14 sufficient to reimburse affected school districts for the moneys
15 necessary to pay the fire protection district assessments.

16 (3) The amount paid each year by other public entities shall be
17 fifteen one-hundredths of one percent of the value of the building, as
18 listed on the records of the county assessor. The county treasurer
19 shall send a notice of this obligation to the owner of the public
20 property at the same time notices are sent for property taxes due.
21 Payment of the fire protection fees shall be made to the county
22 treasurer at the same time property taxes are due. The county
23 treasurer shall disburse the fire protection district payments to the
24 appropriate fire protection districts.

25 (4) As used in this section, the term "public entity" includes
26 every state agency, state institution, municipal corporation, and
27 quasi-municipal corporation.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 52.30.020 and 1979 c 151 s 164, 1974
29 ex.s. c 88 s 1, 1973 1st ex.s. c 64 s 1, & 1941 c 139 s 1 are each

1 repealed.