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1 AN ACT Relating to outdoor burning; and amending RCW 70.94.743.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.743 and 1991 c 199 s 402 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Consistent with the policy of the state to reduce outdoor
6 burning to the greatest extent (~~(practical)~~) that will significantly
7 improve air quality:

8 (a) Except for subsection (3) of this section, outdoor burning
9 shall not be allowed in any area of the state where federal or state
10 ambient air quality standards (~~(are exceeded for pollutants emitted by~~
11 outdoor)) for particulates were violated for more than one day during
12 the preceding twelve months. A day in which the standards were
13 exceeded due to sources other than outdoor burning shall not be counted
14 as a violation for the purpose of prohibiting burning.

1 (b) Outdoor burning shall ~~((not be allowed))~~ be limited in both
2 time and location through regulation by the local government in any
3 urban growth area as defined by RCW 36.70A.030, or any city of the
4 state having a population greater than ten thousand people ~~((if such~~
5 ~~cities are threatened to exceed state or federal air quality standards,~~
6 ~~and))~~ where alternative disposal practices consistent with good solid
7 waste management ~~((are reasonably available))~~ or practices eliminating
8 production of organic refuse are ~~((reasonably))~~ available at reasonable
9 cost. ~~((In no event shall such burning be allowed after December 31,~~
10 ~~2000.))~~

11 (2) "Outdoor burning" means the combustion of material of any type
12 in an open fire or in an outdoor container without providing for the
13 control of combustion or the control of emissions from the combustion.

14 (3) This section shall not apply to: (a) Silvicultural burning
15 used to improve or maintain fire dependent ecosystems for rare plants
16 or animals within state, federal, and private natural area preserves,
17 natural resource conservation areas, parks, and other wildlife areas or
18 (b) burning of noxious weeds, trees and branches felled by a windstorm
19 that is confirmed by an official weather station, or diseased or pest-
20 infested plant material.