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By Representatives Belcher and Bowman; by request of Department of Community Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection contracts; adding a new section
2 to chapter 35.21 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 35.21.775
3 and 35.21.777; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that certain state-owned facilities and
8 institutions impose a financial burden on the cities and towns
9 responsible for providing fire protection services to those state
10 facilities. The legislature establishes a process whereby cities and
11 towns that have a significant share of their total assessed valuation
12 taken up by state-owned facilities can enter into fire protection
13 contracts with state agencies or institutions to provide a share of the
14 jurisdiction's fire protection funding.

1 (2) In cities or towns where the estimated value of state-owned
2 facilities constitutes ten percent or more of the total assessed
3 property valuation, any state agency or institution owning such
4 facilities shall contract with the city or town to provide a negotiated
5 share of the cost of that jurisdiction's fire protection services. The
6 contract shall provide for annual payments by the agency or institution
7 to the city or town.

8 (3) A city or town seeking to enter into fire protection contract
9 negotiations shall provide annual written notification to the
10 department of community development and the state agencies or
11 institutions that own property within the jurisdiction, of its intent
12 to contract for fire protection services. Any such notification shall
13 be based on the valuation procedures adopted by the department of
14 community development in consultation with the department of general
15 administration.

16 (4) The department of community development shall review any such
17 notification to ensure that the valuation procedures and results are
18 accurate. The department will notify each affected city or town and
19 state agency or institution of the results.

20 (5) The parties negotiating fire protection contracts under this
21 section shall conduct those negotiations in good faith. In the event
22 the contracting parties cannot reach agreement on the terms of the
23 contract, the director of the department of community development shall
24 recommend a resolution of the disagreement to the director of the
25 office of financial management, who shall then arbitrate the matter or
26 matters in dispute.

27 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require state
28 agencies or institutions to contract for fire protection services that
29 are performed by the agency or institution or by a fire protection
30 district pursuant to RCW 52.30.020.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Prior to June 30, 1992, the department
2 of community development shall, in consultation with the association of
3 Washington cities, establish rules for the implementation of section 1
4 of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The following acts or parts of acts are
6 each repealed:

7 (1) RCW 35.21.775 and 1985 c 6 s 4, 1984 c 230 s 82, 1983 c 146 s
8 1, & 1979 ex.s. c 102 s 1; and

9 (2) RCW 35.21.777 and 1983 c 87 s 1.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall take
11 effect July 1, 1992.