

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2493

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Removing the limitation on the number of volunteer fire fighters.

Sponsors: By Representatives Jackley, Mulliken, Dunshee, Ogden, Dunn, Wood and Casada.

House Committee on Local Government & Housing
Senate Committee on State & Local Government

Background:

Municipalities must enroll their volunteer fire fighters in the Volunteer Firefighters Relief and Pension Fund (Fund). The Fund provides protection for all its fire fighters and their families from death, sickness, injury, or disability arising in the performance of their duties as fire fighters.

Municipalities also must limit the number of volunteer fire fighters to 25 per thousand population. The limit may be increased only by the number of fire fighters with emergency medical training for those departments that operate ambulance service.

Summary:

The 25 per thousand population limit on the number of volunteer fire fighters is removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 47 0

Effective: June 13, 2002