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By Committee on Government Operations & Elections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.43.934 and 1999 c 117 s 1 and 1999 c 24 s 3 are
4 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 Except for matters relating to the statutory duties of the chief of
6 the Washington state patrol that are to be carried out through the
7 director of fire protection, the board shall have the responsibility of
8 developing a comprehensive state policy regarding fire protection
9 services. In carrying out its duties, the board shall:

10 (1)(a) Adopt a state fire training and education master plan that
11 allows to the maximum feasible extent for negotiated agreements: (i)
12 With the state board for community and technical colleges to provide
13 academic, vocational, and field training programs for the fire service
14 and (ii) with the higher education coordinating board and the state
15 colleges and universities to provide instructional programs requiring
16 advanced training, especially in command and management skills;

17 (b) Adopt minimum standards for each level of responsibility among
18 personnel with fire suppression, prevention, inspection, and
19 investigation responsibilities that assure continuing assessment of
20 skills and are flexible enough to meet emerging technologies. With
21 particular respect to training for fire investigations, the master plan
22 shall encourage cross training in appropriate law enforcement skills.
23 To meet special local needs, fire agencies may adopt more stringent
24 requirements than those adopted by the state;

25 (c) Cooperate with the common schools, technical and community
26 colleges, institutions of higher education, and any department or
27 division of the state, or of any county or municipal corporation in
28 establishing and maintaining instruction in fire service training and
29 education in accordance with any act of congress and legislation

1 enacted by the legislature in pursuance thereof and in establishing,
2 building, and operating training and education facilities.

3 Industrial fire departments and private fire investigators may
4 participate in training and education programs under this chapter for
5 a reasonable fee established by rule;

6 (d) Develop and adopt a master plan for constructing, equipping,
7 maintaining, and operating necessary fire service training and
8 education facilities subject to the provisions of chapter 43.19 RCW;

9 (e) Develop and adopt a master plan for the purchase, lease, or
10 other acquisition of real estate necessary for fire service training
11 and education facilities in a manner provided by law; and

12 (f) Develop and adopt a plan with a goal of providing (~~training at~~
13 ~~the level of~~) fire fighter one and wildland training, as defined by
14 the board, to all fire fighters in the state. Wildland training
15 reimbursement will be provided if a fire protection district or a city
16 fire department has and is fulfilling their interior attack policy or
17 if they do not have an interior attack policy. The plan will include
18 a reimbursement for fire protection districts and city fire departments
19 of not less than (~~two~~) three dollars for every hour of fire fighter
20 one or wildland training. The Washington state patrol shall not
21 provide reimbursement for more than (~~one~~) two hundred (~~fifty~~) hours
22 of fire fighter one or wildland training for each fire fighter trained.

23 (2) In addition to its responsibilities for fire service training,
24 the board shall:

25 (a) Adopt a state fire protection master plan;

26 (b) Monitor fire protection in the state and develop objectives and
27 priorities to improve fire protection for the state's citizens
28 including: (i) The comprehensiveness of state and local inspections
29 required by law for fire and life safety; (ii) the level of skills and
30 training of inspectors, as well as needs for additional training; and
31 (iii) the efforts of local, regional, and state inspection agencies to
32 improve coordination and reduce duplication among inspection efforts;

33 (c) Establish and promote state arson control programs and ensure
34 development of local arson control programs;

35 (d) Provide representation for local fire protection services to
36 the governor in state-level fire protection planning matters such as,
37 but not limited to, hazardous materials control;

1 (e) Recommend to the adjutant general rules on minimum information
2 requirements of automatic location identification for the purposes of
3 enhanced 911 emergency service;

4 (f) Seek and solicit grants, gifts, bequests, devises, and matching
5 funds for use in furthering the objectives and duties of the board, and
6 establish procedures for administering them;

7 (g) Promote mutual aid and disaster planning for fire services in
8 this state;

9 (h) Assure the dissemination of information concerning the amount
10 of fire damage including that damage caused by arson, and its causes
11 and prevention; and

12 (i) Implement any legislation enacted by the legislature to meet
13 the requirements of any acts of congress that apply to this section.

14 (3) In carrying out its statutory duties, the board shall give
15 particular consideration to the appropriate roles to be played by the
16 state and by local jurisdictions with fire protection responsibilities.
17 Any determinations on the division of responsibility shall be made in
18 consultation with local fire officials and their representatives.

19 To the extent possible, the board shall encourage development of
20 regional units along compatible geographic, population, economic, and
21 fire risk dimensions. Such regional units may serve to: (a) Reinforce
22 coordination among state and local activities in fire service training,
23 reporting, inspections, and investigations; (b) identify areas of
24 special need, particularly in smaller jurisdictions with inadequate
25 resources; (c) assist the state in its oversight responsibilities; (d)
26 identify funding needs and options at both the state and local levels;
27 and (e) provide models for building local capacity in fire protection
28 programs."

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29 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "training;" strike the

1 remainder of the title and insert "and reenacting and amending RCW
2 43.43.934."

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