

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2561

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WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE--TEMPORARY DUTIES

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

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President of the Senate

Approved March 22, 2018 4:20 PM

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2561** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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March 26, 2018

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Blake, Dye, Doglio, Johnson, Peterson, and Eslick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to temporary duties for the wildland fire
2 advisory committee; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to amounts appropriated for
6 this specific purpose, the commissioner of public lands must direct
7 the wildland fire advisory committee established in RCW 76.04.179 to
8 review, analyze, and make recommendations on the following issues
9 related to wild fire prevention, response, and suppression activities
10 within our state:

11 (a) The committee, with the assistance of department of natural
12 resources' personnel, must approximately quantify the areas in the
13 state that are not contained within an established fire district nor
14 subject to a planned fire response and make recommendations as to how
15 these areas could be protected as well as a source of funding for any
16 recommended activities. In doing so, the committee must, in time for
17 inclusion in the December 31, 2018, status report: Review the
18 relevant recommendations contained in the joint legislative audit and
19 review committee's 2017 final report on fees assessed for forest fire
20 protection; analyze and develop recommendations on potential
21 administrative and legislative actions including, for example, the

1 process proposed in chapter . . . (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6575),
2 Laws of 2018; and consult with any relevant stakeholders, as deemed
3 necessary by the committee, that are not represented on the
4 committee.

5 (b) The committee must examine the value of community programs
6 that educate homeowners and engage in preventive projects within wild
7 fire risk communities, such as firewise, and make recommendations on
8 whether these programs should be advanced, and if so, how, including
9 potential sources of ongoing funding for the programs.

10 (c) The committee must also develop plans to help protect non-
11 English speaking residents during wildfire emergencies. The committee
12 may enlist the assistance from the state ethnic and diversity
13 commissions or any other organizations who have expertise in public
14 outreach to non-English speaking people.

15 (2) The department of natural resources must provide to the
16 appropriate committees of the legislature a status report of the
17 committee's efforts by December 31, 2018, and issue a report with the
18 committee's recommendations by November 15, 2019.

19 (3) This section expires December 31, 2019.

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