
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1080

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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Pennington, Chappell, McMorris, Carlson, Benton, McMahan, B. Thomas, Clements, Brumsickle, Boldt, Hatfield, Buck, Campbell, Delvin, Johnson, Sheldon, Mulliken, Kessler, Basich, Fuhrman, Morris, Huff, Honeyford, Chandler, Elliot, Schoesler and Sheahan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain nonurban areas from outdoor
2 burning permit requirements; amending RCW 70.94.745; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.745 and 1991 c 199 s 401 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) It shall be the responsibility and duty of the department of
8 natural resources, department of ecology, department of agriculture,
9 fire districts, and local air pollution control authorities to
10 establish, through regulations, ordinances, or policy, a limited
11 burning permit program (~~for the people of this state, consisting of a~~
12 ~~one-permit system, until such time as~~). The permit program shall
13 apply to any urban area that is not otherwise prohibited from burning
14 pursuant to RCW 70.94.743. Burning shall be prohibited in an area when
15 an alternate technology or method((s)) of disposing of the organic
16 refuse ((have been developed that are)) is available, reasonably
17 economical, and less harmful to the environment as determined by the
18 permitting entity. It is the policy of this state to foster and

1 encourage development of alternate methods or technology for disposing
2 of or reducing the amount of organic refuse.

3 (2) Fires burned for landclearing purposes may be conducted only
4 after receiving a permit under this section.

5 (3) Residential burning conducted without a permit as provided by
6 this section is subject to the burning restrictions in RCW 70.94.750
7 and 70.94.775.

8 (4) As used in this section, "urban area" means any unincorporated
9 area within a county that is designated as an urban growth area under
10 chapter 36.70A RCW.

11 In counties that have not designated urban growth areas under
12 chapter 36.70A RCW, "urban area" means any incorporated city or town.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
16 effect immediately.

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