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5 On page 6, after line 15, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Unless the context clearly requires  
7 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
8 chapter.

9 (1) "Department" means the department of community development.

10 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community  
11 development.

12 (3) "State fire marshal" means the assistant director of the  
13 division of fire protection services in the department of community  
14 development.

15 (4) "Fire chief" includes the chief officer of a statutorily  
16 authorized fire agency, or the fire chief's authorized representative.  
17 Also included are the department of natural resources fire control  
18 chief, and the department of natural resources regional managers.

19 (5) "Jurisdiction" means state, county, city, fire district, or  
20 port district fighting units, or other units covered by this chapter.

21 (6) "Mobilization" means that fire fighting resources beyond those  
22 available through existing agreements will be requested and, when  
23 available, sent to fight a fire that has or soon will exceed the  
24 capabilities of available local resources. During a large scale fire  
25 emergency, mobilization includes redistribution of regional or state-  
26 wide fire fighting resources to either direct fire fighting assignments  
27 or to assignment in communities where fire fighting resources are  
28 needed. This chapter shall not reduce or suspend the authority or

1 responsibility of the department of natural resources under chapter  
2 76.04 RCW.

3 (7) "Mutual aid" means emergency interagency assistance provided  
4 without compensation under and agreement between jurisdictions under  
5 chapter 39.34 RCW."

6 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Because of the possibility of the  
7 occurrence of disastrous fires or other disasters of unprecedented size  
8 and destructiveness, the need to insure that the state is adequately  
9 prepared to respond to such a fire or disaster, the need to establish  
10 a mechanism and a procedure to provide for reimbursement to fire  
11 fighting agencies that respond to help others in time of need, and  
12 generally to protect the public peace, health, safety, lives, and  
13 property of the people of Washington, it is hereby declared necessary  
14 to:

15 (1) Provide the policy and organizational structure for large scale  
16 mobilization of fire fighting resources in the state through creation  
17 of the Washington state fire services mobilization plan;

18 (2) Confer upon the director of the department of community  
19 development the powers provided herein; and

20 (3) Provide a means for reimbursement to fire jurisdictions that  
21 incur expenses when mobilized by the director under the Washington  
22 state fire services mobilization plan."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. There is created the state fire defense  
24 board consisting of the state fire marshal, a representative from the  
25 department of natural resources appointed by the commissioner of public  
26 lands, the assistant director of the emergency management division of  
27 the department of community development, and one representative  
28 selected by each regional fire defense board in the state. Members of

1 the state fire defense board shall select from among themselves a  
2 chairperson. Members serving on the board do so in a voluntary  
3 capacity and are not eligible for reimbursement for meeting-related  
4 expenses from the state.

5 The state fire defense board shall develop and maintain the  
6 Washington state fire services mobilization plan, which shall include  
7 the procedures to be used during fire emergencies for coordinating  
8 local, regional, and state fire jurisdiction resources. The Washington  
9 state fire services mobilization plan shall be consistent with, and  
10 made part of, the Washington state comprehensive emergency management  
11 plan. The director shall review the fire services mobilization plan  
12 as submitted by the state fire defense board and after consultation  
13 with the fire protection policy board, recommend changes that may be  
14 necessary, and approve the fire services mobilization plan for  
15 inclusion within the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

16 It is the responsibility of the director to mobilize jurisdictions  
17 under the Washington state fire services mobilization plan. The state  
18 fire marshal shall serve as the state fire resources coordinator when  
19 the Washington state fire services mobilization plan is mobilized."

20 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Regions within the state are initially  
21 established as follows but may be adjusted as necessary by the  
22 director:

23 (1) Northwest region - Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, and  
24 Island counties;

25 (2) Northeast region - Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille,  
26 Spokane, and Lincoln counties;

27 (3) Olympic region - Clallam and Jefferson counties;

28 (4) South Puget Sound region - Kitsap, Mason, King, and Pierce  
29 counties;

1 (5) Southeast region - Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Adams,  
2 Whitman, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia,  
3 Garfield, and Asotin counties;

4 (6) Central region - Grays Harbor, Thurston, Pacific, and Lewis  
5 counties; and

6 (7) Southwest region - Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania  
7 counties.

8 Within each of these regions there is created a regional fire  
9 defense board. The regional fire defense boards shall consist of two  
10 members from each county in the region. One member from each county  
11 shall be appointed by the county fire chiefs' association or, in the  
12 event there is no such county association, by the county's legislative  
13 authority. Each county's office of emergency management or, in the  
14 event there is no such office, the county's legislative authority shall  
15 select the second representative to the regional board. The department  
16 of natural resources fire control chief shall appoint a representative  
17 from each department of natural resources region to serve as a member  
18 of the appropriate regional fire defense board. Members of each  
19 regional board will select a chairperson and secretary as officers.  
20 Members serving on the regional boards do so in a voluntary capacity  
21 and are not eligible for reimbursement for meeting-related expenses  
22 from the state.

23 Regional defense boards shall develop regional fire service plans  
24 that include provisions for organized fire agencies to respond across  
25 municipal, county, or regional boundaries. Each regional plan shall be  
26 consistent with the incident command system, the Washington state fire  
27 services mobilization plan, and regional response plans already adopted  
28 and in use in the state. The regional boards shall work with the  
29 relevant local government entities to facilitate development of  
30 intergovernmental agreements if any such agreements are required to

1 implement a regional fire service plan. Each regional plan shall be  
2 approved by the state fire defense board before implementation."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The department of community development  
4 in consultation with the office of financial management shall develop  
5 procedures to facilitate reimbursement to jurisdictions from  
6 appropriate federal and state funds when jurisdictions are mobilized by  
7 the director under the Washington state fire services mobilization  
8 plan."

9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Sections 9 through 13 of this act shall  
10 constitute a new chapter in Title 38 RCW."

11 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct internal  
12 references accordingly.

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16 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "35.21 RCW;" insert "adding  
17 a new chapter to Title 38 RCW;"