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HOUSE BILL 1556

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By Representatives Hatfield, Bush, Romero, McDonald, Dickerson, Ballasiotes, Scott, Radcliff, Poulsen, Delvin, Constantine, Mastin and Murray; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to reporting of deaths or injuries from fire; and  
2 amending RCW 48.48.065.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.48.065 and 1995 c 369 s 29 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The chief of each organized fire department, or the sheriff or  
7 other designated county official having jurisdiction over areas not  
8 within the jurisdiction of any fire department, shall report  
9 statistical information and data to the chief of the Washington state  
10 patrol, through the director of fire protection, on each fire occurring  
11 within the official's jurisdiction and, within forty-eight hours,  
12 report any death resulting from fire. Reports shall be consistent with  
13 the national fire incident reporting system developed by the United  
14 States fire administration and rules established by the chief of the  
15 Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection. The  
16 chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire  
17 protection, and the department of natural resources shall jointly  
18 determine the statistical information to be reported on fires on land  
19 under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources.

1       (2) The chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director  
2 of fire protection, shall analyze the information and data reported,  
3 compile a report, and distribute a copy annually by (~~May~~) July 1st to  
4 each chief fire official in the state. Upon request, the chief of the  
5 Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, shall  
6 also furnish a copy of the report to any other interested person at  
7 cost.

8       (3) In carrying out the duties relating to collecting, analyzing,  
9 and reporting statistical fire data, the fire protection policy board  
10 may purchase statistical fire data from a qualified individual or  
11 organization. The information shall meet the diverse needs of state  
12 and local fire reporting agencies and shall be (a) defined in  
13 understandable terms of common usage in the fire community; (b)  
14 adaptable to the varying levels of resources available; (c) maintained  
15 in a manner that will foster both technical support and resource  
16 sharing; and (d) designed to meet both short and long-term needs.

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