
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5574

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By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hale, Haugen, Costa, Patterson and Winsley; 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 two business days,
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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