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Brief Description: Setting fires for fire fighter instruction.

HB 2993 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Revises RCW 52.12.150 to provide that, without obtaining a permit issued under RCW 70.94.650, fire protection district fire fighters may set fire to structures located outside of urban growth areas in counties that plan under the requirements of RCW 36.70A.040, and outside of any city with a population of ten thousand or more in all other counties, for instruction in methods of fire fighting, if, in consideration of prevailing air patterns, the fire is unlikely to cause air pollution in areas of sensitivity downwind of the proposed fire location.

Requires a good-faith inspection to be conducted by the fire agency or fire protection district conducting the training fire to determine if materials containing asbestos are present, the inspection is documented in writing and forwarded to the appropriate local air authority or the department of ecology if there is no local air authority, and asbestos that is found is removed as required by state and federal laws.