

1 **SHB 2385 - H AMD 0234 Adopted 2-16-02**

2 By Representative Romero

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 38.52.040 and 1995 c 269 s 1202 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (a) There is hereby created the emergency management council
8 (hereinafter called the council), to consist of ~~((not more than~~
9 ~~seventeen))~~ members who shall be appointed by the governor. The
10 membership of the council shall include, but not be limited to,
11 representatives of city and county governments, sheriffs and police
12 chiefs, the Washington state patrol, the military department, the
13 department of ecology, state and local fire chiefs, local public health
14 agencies, seismic safety experts, state and local emergency management
15 directors, search and rescue volunteers, medical professions who have
16 expertise in emergency medical care, building officials, ~~((and))~~
17 private industry, and other members the governor deems necessary. The
18 representatives of private industry shall include persons knowledgeable
19 in emergency and hazardous materials management.

20 (b) In addition to the members specified in subsection (1) of this
21 section, the council shall include four legislative members appointed
22 by the governor to serve as nonvoting advisory members of the council.
23 The legislative members shall be appointed as follows:

24 (i) Two members shall be appointed from the house of
25 representatives, one from each of the two largest caucuses in the house
26 of representatives, based on the recommendations of the speaker and the
27 minority leader of the house of representatives; and

28 (ii) Two members shall be appointed from the senate, one from each
29 of the two largest caucuses in the senate, based on the recommendations
30 of the senate majority leader and minority leader.

31 (2) The council members shall elect a chairman from within the
32 council membership. The members of the council shall serve without
33 compensation, but legislative members may be reimbursed in accordance
34 with RCW 44.04.120 for travel expenses incurred in the performance of
35 their duties, and nonlegislative members may be reimbursed for their
36 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in

1 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 (~~as now existing or~~
2 ~~hereafter amended~~)).

3 ((+2)) (3) The emergency management council shall advise the
4 governor and the director on all matters pertaining to state and local
5 emergency management. The council may appoint such ad hoc committees,
6 subcommittees, and working groups as are required to develop specific
7 recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices,
8 standards, policies, or procedures. The council shall ensure that the
9 governor receives an annual assessment of state-wide emergency
10 preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard
11 mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety
12 improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous
13 materials planning and response activities.

14 (4) The council or a subcommittee thereof shall periodically
15 convene in special session and serve during those sessions as the state
16 emergency response commission required by P.L. 99-499, the emergency
17 planning and community right-to-know act. When sitting in session as
18 the state emergency response commission, the council shall confine its
19 deliberations to those items specified in federal statutes and state
20 administrative rules governing the coordination of hazardous materials
21 policy. The council shall review administrative rules governing state
22 and local emergency management practices and recommend necessary
23 revisions to the director."

EFFECT: (1) Changes the composition of the Emergency Management Council to include four legislative members and a representative of local public health agencies. (2) Makes the four legislative members nonvoting advisory members and specifies their appointment process. (3) Eliminates the 17-member maximum and allows the Governor to appoint other members as needed. (4) References statutory provisions for travel reimbursements for legislative members.