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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Jackley, Schmidt, Simpson, Barlean, Hurst, Ballasiotes, Benson, Haigh, Morell and Miloscia)

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership of the emergency management council;
2 and amending RCW 38.52.040.

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

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

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

1 (b) In addition to the members specified in (a) of this subsection,
2 the council shall include four legislative members appointed by the
3 governor to serve as nonvoting advisory members of the council. The
4 legislative members shall be appointed as follows:

5 (i) Two members shall be appointed from the house of
6 representatives, one from each of the two largest caucuses in the house
7 of representatives, based on the recommendations of the speaker and the
8 minority leader of the house of representatives; and

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

12 (2) The council members shall elect a chairman from within the
13 council membership. The members of the council shall serve without
14 compensation, but legislative members may be reimbursed in accordance
15 with RCW 44.04.120 for travel expenses incurred in the performance of
16 their duties, and nonlegislative members may be reimbursed for their
17 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
18 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 ((as now existing or
19 hereafter amended)).

20 ((+2)) (3) The emergency management council shall advise the
21 governor and the director on all matters pertaining to state and local
22 emergency management. The council may appoint such ad hoc committees,
23 subcommittees, and working groups as are required to develop specific
24 recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices,
25 standards, policies, or procedures. The council shall ensure that the
26 governor receives an annual assessment of statewide emergency
27 preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard
28 mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety
29 improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous
30 materials planning and response activities.

31 (4) The council or a subcommittee thereof shall periodically
32 convene in special session and serve during those sessions as the state
33 emergency response commission required by P.L. 99-499, the emergency
34 planning and community right-to-know act. When sitting in session as
35 the state emergency response commission, the council shall confine its
36 deliberations to those items specified in federal statutes and state
37 administrative rules governing the coordination of hazardous materials
38 policy. The council shall review administrative rules governing state

1 and local emergency management practices and recommend necessary
2 revisions to the director.

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