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

1 hazardous materials management. The council members shall elect a
2 chairman from within the council membership. The members of the
3 council shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for
4 their travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
5 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or
6 hereafter amended.

7 (2) The emergency management council shall advise the governor and
8 the director on all matters pertaining to state and local emergency
9 management. The council may appoint such ad hoc committees,
10 subcommittees, and working groups as are required to develop specific
11 recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices,
12 standards, policies, or procedures. The council shall ensure that the
13 governor receives an annual assessment of statewide emergency
14 preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard
15 mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety
16 improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous
17 materials planning and response activities. The council or a
18 subcommittee thereof shall periodically convene in special session and
19 serve during those sessions as the state emergency response commission
20 required by P.L. 99-499, the emergency planning and community right-to-
21 know act. When sitting in session as the state emergency response
22 commission, the council shall confine its deliberations to those items
23 specified in federal statutes and state administrative rules governing
24 the coordination of hazardous materials policy. The council shall
25 review administrative rules governing state and local emergency
26 management practices and recommend necessary revisions to the director.

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