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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-one 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 seismic safety experts, state and local emergency management directors,
14 search and rescue volunteers, medical professions who have expertise in
15 emergency medical care, building officials, and private industry. Four
16 of the members of the council shall be appointed as at large members
17 not representing any of the aforementioned agencies, experts, or
18 groups. The representatives of private industry shall include persons
19 knowledgeable in emergency and hazardous materials management. The

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

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

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