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By Senator Sheahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to conservation district liability; and amending  
2 RCW 70.94.654.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.94.654 and 1993 c 353 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Whenever an air pollution control authority, or the department  
7 of ecology for areas outside the jurisdictional boundaries of an  
8 activated air pollution control authority, shall find that any fire  
9 protection agency, county, or conservation district is capable of  
10 effectively administering the issuance and enforcement of permits for  
11 any or all of the kinds of burning identified in RCW 70.94.650 and  
12 desirous of doing so, the authority or the department of ecology, as  
13 appropriate, may delegate powers necessary for the issuance or  
14 enforcement, or both, of permits for any or all of the kinds of burning  
15 to the fire protection agency, county, or conservation district. Such  
16 delegation may be withdrawn by the authority or the department of  
17 ecology upon finding that the fire protection agency, county, or  
18 conservation district is not effectively administering the permit  
19 program.

1       (2) The board of directors, individual board members, and duly  
2 authorized employees of a conservation district who make decisions  
3 regarding the issuance and enforcement of permits for burning under RCW  
4 70.94.650 are not liable for decisions and actions made in good faith  
5 and in compliance with this chapter.

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