

3002-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Fisheries, Ecology & Parks
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cooper, Lovick, Romero and Chase; by request of Washington State Patrol)

Brief Description: Authorizing statewide regulation of outdoor burning.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, whenever the state fire marshal finds that conditions of extreme fire hazard exist and that state resources or the protection of life or property may be in danger, the fire marshal may recommend to the governor that the governor prohibit all outdoor burning on public and private land throughout the state or within specific portions of the state.

Requires that, in determining whether conditions of extreme fire danger exist, the state fire marshal shall rely on the energy release component, or other component, of the national weather service's national fire danger rating system.

Provides that, prior to making such a recommendation the state fire marshal must first consult with and achieve concurrence from:

- (1) The commissioner of public lands;
- (2) The director of the department of ecology;
- (3) The director of the department of agriculture; and
- (4) The director of state parks.

Provides that, upon receiving such a recommendation from the state fire marshal, if the governor finds that state resources or the protection of life or property are in danger then the governor may issue an executive order forbidding all outdoor burning throughout the state or within specific portions of the state. The order shall be in effect until rescinded by the governor.

Declares that it shall be unlawful for any person to conduct or cause to be conducted any outdoor burning at any time and place as is forbidden by an executive order issued pursuant to this act.

Provides that intentional violation of this act is a crime and shall be punished as a gross misdemeanor.

Provides that negligent violation of this act is a class 1 civil infraction pursuant to chapter 7.80 RCW.