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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The Washington state military department's emergency management
6 division, in cooperation with county and local governments, shall
7 prepare, as part of the state comprehensive emergency management plan,
8 animal emergency planning guidance for local jurisdictions that
9 provides for the evacuation, transportation, and temporary sheltering
10 of pets and service animals as defined in RCW 70.84.021 during a major
11 disaster or an emergency.

12 (2) The division, in developing the guidance, shall consider:

13 (a) Allowing owners of service animals to be evacuated,
14 transported, and sheltered with or near their service animals;

15 (b) Establishing a sufficient number of evacuation shelters
16 equipped to temporarily shelter pets and service animals in close
17 proximity to a human sheltering facility;

18 (c) Allowing owners and their pets to be evacuated together,
19 whenever possible, provided that human life is not endangered;

20 (d) Transporting pets or service animals, in cages or carriers that
21 safely and securely confine the animals, in an impending major disaster
22 or emergency provided that such transportation does not endanger human
23 life;

24 (e) Recommending that animal shelters, humane societies, veterinary
25 offices, boarding kennels, breeders, grooming facilities, animal
26 testing facilities, and any other entity that normally houses pets or
27 service animals create evacuation plans for the animals housed at their
28 facilities;

29 (f) Recommending guidance for holding periods for pets or service
30 animals that are sheltered during a major disaster or an emergency; and

1 (g) Encouraging local jurisdictions to create an educational
2 campaign for owners of pets or service animals that will encourage
3 owners to plan for and incorporate their animals in the owners'
4 personal plans in the event of a major disaster or an emergency.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The code reviser shall alphabetize and
6 renumber the definitions in RCW 38.52.010."

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7 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "operations;" strike the
8 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
9 38.52 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Removes the Department of Agriculture from the
requirements of the bill and clarifies that the state Military
Department must provide planning guidance and not operations guidance.

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