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SENATE BILL 5636

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By Senators Swecker, Hobbs, Haugen, Morton, Benton, Honeyford,  
Stevens, McCaslin, and Roach

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Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing the civil air patrol to conduct  
2 homeland security, disaster relief, and search and rescue operations  
3 under the governance of the Washington state patrol; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 43.43 RCW; creating a new section; and making  
5 appropriations.

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

7            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that the Washington  
8 wing of the civil air patrol is uniquely suited to assist the state in  
9 providing air search, rescue, and emergency services in the state  
10 including response to emergency missions.    The legislature further  
11 finds that the Washington wing of the civil air patrol is a nonprofit,  
12 federally chartered private corporation which is the auxiliary of the  
13 United States air force and is engaged in cooperation with the  
14 national, state, and local emergency services.

15           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17           Subject to appropriation, the Washington state patrol shall

1 disperse funds to the Washington wing of the civil air patrol for the  
2 following purposes: Equipment purchase, conduct of search and rescue  
3 missions, and training and education.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
5 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
6 ending June 30, 2010, and the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much  
7 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
8 June 30, 2011, from the general fund to the Washington state patrol for  
9 the purposes of this act.

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