ESHB 2127 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-4741.2/12) **1420**
      By Representative Hunter

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1   On page 3, strike all material on lines 3 and 4

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3   On page 3, line 8, correct the total.

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5   On page 4, beginning on line 14, strike all of subsection (6) and
6 renumber the remaining subsections consecutively

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8   On page 202, after line 14, insert "Forest Fire Protection
9 Assessment Account--State Appropriation . . . . $100,000"

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11   On page 202, line 16, correct the total.

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13   On page 208, after line 6, insert the following:
14   "(18) $100,000 of the forest fire protection assessment
15 account--state appropriation is provided solely for the Washington
16 state institute of public policy to conduct a detailed analysis of
17 potential mechanisms for reducing the amount of and variation in the
18 state's fire suppression costs. The detailed analysis must include:
19 (a) an examination of Oregon's excess forest fire suppression cost
20 insurance program and analysis of the potential application of this
21 model in Washington, including the necessary steps for
22 implementation and potential costs and benefits to the state; and
23 (b) an examination of Washington's total and marginal costs related
24 to staffing and overtime and whether these total or marginal costs
25 are in excess of market rates. The Washington state institute of
26 public policy must provide the detailed analysis to the appropriate

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1 committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 1,

2 2012."

    EFFECT: Moves a study on how fighting forest fires are currently financed and mechanisms to fund future fires from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to the Washington State Institute of Public Policy and decreases the appropriation from the Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account for this study from $250,000 to $100,000.

    FISCAL IMPACT:
Decreases Forest Fire Protection Assessment Account - Non Appr by $150,000.

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