

SHB 2988 - H AMD **977**

By Representative Dunshee

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

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the 2015
5 wildfires constituted a catastrophic event that resulted in a state of
6 emergency. The legislature intends to make appropriations from the
7 budget stabilization account to address this emergency.

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9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—
10 FIRES. The sum of \$154,966,000 is appropriated from the budget
11 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and is
12 provided solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the department
13 of natural resources during the 2015 fire season. Amounts provided in
14 this section may not be used to pay for the department's indirect and
15 administrative expenses. For purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the
16 appropriation in this section does not suspend the requirements of RCW
17 43.88.055(1).

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19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE—
20 FIRES. The sum of \$155,000 is appropriated from the budget
21 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and is
22 provided solely for the fire suppression costs incurred by the
23 department of fish and wildlife during the 2015 fire suppression
24 season. Amounts provided in this section may not be used to pay for
25 the department's indirect and administrative expenses. For purposes
26 of RCW 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section does not
27 suspend the requirements of RCW 43.88.055(1).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL—FIRES.
2 The sum of \$34,365,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization
3 account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and is provided
4 solely for Washington state fire service resource mobilization costs
5 incurred in response to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW
6 43.43.960 through 43.43.964. For purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the
7 appropriation in this section does not suspend the requirements of RCW
8 43.88.055(1).

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
13 effect immediately."

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15 Correct the title.
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EFFECT: Declares legislative finding that the 2015 wildfires
constituted a state of emergency. Deletes Budget Stabilization
Account (BSA) appropriations for levy equalization and homeless
assistance. Reduces the Department of Fish & Wildlife BSA
appropriation for fire suppression costs from \$344,000 to
\$155,000. Appropriates from the BSA by fiscal year rather than
biennium. Provides that the BSA appropriations do not alter the
requirement to balance in the ensuing biennium under the four-year
balanced budget requirement.

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