

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1389

As of March 19, 2015

Title: An act relating to the scope of state fire service mobilization and ensuring compliance with existing state and federal disaster response policies.

Brief Description: Addressing the scope of state fire service mobilization and ensuring compliance with existing state and federal disaster response policies.

Sponsors: Representatives Goodman, Griffey, Klippert, Van De Wege, Tarleton, Chandler, Morris, Lytton, Hayes and Moscoso.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/10/15, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Security: 3/23/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

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Background: The state Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan (mobilization plan) can be implemented to provide resources from around the state when a wildland fire exceeds firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions. Nonhost fire protection authorities are eligible for reimbursement of expenses when mobilized under the mobilization plan. There have been 156 mobilization events since the inception of the mobilization plan in 1994. Of the events, 154 were fire-related; two of the events were non-fire events, the 1999 World Trade Organization riots and the 2008 Rosalia Motorcycle Rally.

In July 2014, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and Snohomish County Executive John Lovick appointed a joint commission in response to the SR 530 Landslide. The SR 530 Landslide Commission (Commission) was tasked with reviewing the landslide and the collective response to it, including the initial emergency search and rescue, community efforts, incident management, and coordination among local, county, state, tribal, and federal governments. Among the Commission's recommendations was that the Legislature clarify the definition of all-hazards mobilization under the mobilization plan.

Summary of Bill: Mobilization plan provisions are revised to authorize mobilization of risk resources regularly provided by fire departments, fire districts, and regional fire protection authorities, including but not limited to wildland fires, landslides, earthquakes, floods, and

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contagious diseases. Nonhost fire protection authorities are eligible for reimbursement of expenses if a mobilization meets requirements identified in the mobilization plan.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.