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SENATE BILL 6504

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By Senators Hargrove, Ranker, and Hasegawa; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters; adding new sections to 2015  
2 3rd sp.s. c 4 (uncodified); making appropriations; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) In accordance with Article VII,  
6 section 12 of the state Constitution, if the governor declares a  
7 state of emergency resulting from a catastrophic event that  
8 necessitates government action to protect life or public safety, then  
9 for that fiscal year moneys may be withdrawn and appropriated from  
10 the budget stabilization account, via separate legislation setting  
11 forth the nature of the emergency and containing an appropriation  
12 limited to the purposes contained in the declaration, by a favorable  
13 vote of a majority of the members elected to each house of the  
14 legislature.

15 (2) As a result of ongoing and projected drought conditions,  
16 multiple early season wildfires, and the potential limits on  
17 firefighting resources in the state and western United States, on  
18 June 26, 2015, the governor proclaimed that a state of emergency  
19 existed in all of Washington's thirty-nine counties and directed that  
20 the plans and procedures of the Washington state comprehensive  
21 emergency management plan be implemented. In addition, the governor

1 directed state agencies and departments to utilize state resources  
2 and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political  
3 subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the  
4 incidents. The governor also ordered into active state service the  
5 organized militia of Washington state to include the National Guard  
6 and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the  
7 opinion of the Adjutant General, to perform such duties as directed  
8 by competent authority of the Washington military department in  
9 addressing this event. Additionally, the Washington state emergency  
10 operations center was instructed to coordinate all incident-related  
11 assistance to the affected areas.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
13 Budget Stabilization Account Appropriation (FY 2016). . . \$150,169,000

14 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
15 conditions and limitations:

16 (1) The appropriations are provided solely to pay for the  
17 department's fire suppression costs incurred during the 2015 fire  
18 season.

19 (2) These amounts may not be used to fund agency indirect and  
20 administrative expenses.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
22 Budget Stabilization Account Appropriation (FY 2016). . . . \$432,000

23 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
24 conditions and limitations:

25 (1) The appropriation is provided solely to pay for the  
26 department's fire suppression costs incurred during the 2015 fire  
27 season.

28 (2) These amounts may not be used to fund agency indirect and  
29 administrative expenses.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL**  
31 Budget Stabilization Account Appropriation (FY 2016). . . \$27,645,000

32 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
33 conditions and limitations:

34 (1) The appropriation is provided solely for Washington state  
35 fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response to an

1 emergency or disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through  
2 43.43.964.

3 (2) These amounts may not be used to fund agency indirect and  
4 administrative expenses.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each  
6 added to 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 (uncodified).

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
9 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
10 effect immediately.

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