

SB 6489-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of natural resources, in order to maximize the effective use of qualified wildland fire suppression volunteers, to: (1) Compile and maintain a master list of volunteers who have valid incident qualifications for the kind of volunteer work to be performed;

(2) Create and make available a process by which potential volunteers may register with the department;

(3) Make the lists of volunteers available to county legislative authorities, emergency management departments, and local fire districts and provide training to those entities on the process for ordering volunteers through established coordinated resource ordering systems of local or state firefighting organizations;

(4) Cooperate with federal wildland firefighting agencies to maximize, based on predicted need, the efficient use of local resources in close proximity to wildland fire incidents;

(5) Provide all necessary safety and fire suppression equipment at no cost to each volunteer when the volunteer is dispatched to fire suppression duty; and

(6) Maintain its inventory of safety and fire suppression equipment for volunteers in good condition and conduct periodic inspections to ensure safety.