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By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 Subject to appropriation, in order to prevent homelessness in any
6 county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range that
7 shares a common border with Canada and has a population of one
8 hundred thousand or less, the department shall, to strengthen the
9 local capacity for controlling risk to life and property that may
10 result from wildfires, administer to these counties, funding for
11 radio communication equipment; and fire protection service providers
12 within these counties to provide residential wildfire risk reduction
13 activities, including education and outreach, technical assistance,
14 fuel mitigation and other residential risk reduction measures. For
15 the purposes of this section, fire protection service providers
16 include fire departments, fire districts, emergency management
17 services, and regional fire protection service authorities. The
18 department must prioritize funding to counties authorized in this
19 section serving a disproportionately higher percentage of low-income
20 residents, as defined in RCW 84.36.042, that are located in areas of
21 higher wildfire risk, and whose fire protection service providers
22 have a shortage of reliable equipment and resources.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.04.135 and 2012 c 38 s 2 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) For the purpose of promoting and facilitating cooperation
26 among fire protection agencies, including the department, and between
27 the department and other agencies that manage lands owned by the
28 state, and to more adequately protect life, property, and the natural
29 resources of the state, the department may enter into a contract or
30 agreement with a municipality, county, state, or federal agency to

1 provide fire detection, prevention, presuppression, or suppression
2 services on property which they are responsible to protect or manage.

3 (2) Contracts or agreements under subsection (1) of this section
4 may contain provisions for the exchange of services on a cooperative
5 basis or services in return for cash payment or other compensation.

6 (3) No charges may be made when the department determines that
7 under a cooperative contract or agreement the assistance received
8 from a municipality, county, or federal agency on state protected
9 lands equals that provided by the state on municipal, county, or
10 federal lands.

11 (4) The department may transfer ownership of depreciated
12 firefighting vehicles and related equipment upon terms subject to
13 mutual agreement to local fire districts in wildfire prone areas in
14 all areas of the state, as determined by the department, and where
15 the median household income is below the state average. These vehicle
16 and equipment transfers are exempt from the requirements in RCW
17 43.19.1919(1). The department must notify the chairs and ranking
18 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction regarding
19 these transfers at least ten days prior to transfer of the equipment.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
22 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
23 effect immediately."

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24 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "areas;" strike the
25 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 76.04.135; adding a
26 new section to chapter 43.30 RCW; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Permits the department to transfer ownership of
depreciated fire engines valued over \$500 to local fire districts
where the median household income is below the state average, and
adds an emergency clause.

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