

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6174

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As of February 20, 2018

**Title:** An act relating to budget stabilization account transfers.

**Brief Description:** Concerning budget stabilization account transfers.

**Sponsors:** Senator Rolfes; by request of Office of Financial Management.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 2/20/18.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Authorizes appropriations from the Budget Stabilization Account for fire mobilization and suppression.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Julie Murray (786-7711)

**Background:** In 2007, the voters ratified a constitutional amendment that created the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) as Article VII, section 12 of the Washington Constitution. In general, appropriations from the BSA require a three-fifths majority in each house of the Legislature, but in the case of a catastrophic event or low employment growth, the Legislature may appropriate from the BSA with a constitutional majority vote of each house.

On September 2, 2017, the Governor declared a state of emergency for all of Washington because of the high risk of wildfires throughout the state.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):** For fiscal year 2018, \$2.655 million is appropriated to the Washington State Patrol for fire mobilization costs and \$19.808 million is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for fire suppression costs incurred during the 2017 fire season.

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**Appropriation:** Two appropriations, totaling \$22.463 million, are made to the Washington State Patrol and Department of Natural Resources.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.