
HOUSE BILL 2191

State of Washington

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By Representative Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to making appropriations from the budget
2 stabilization account; creating a new section; making appropriations;
3 and declaring an 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9 for that fiscal year moneys may be withdrawn and appropriated from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) Consistent with subsection (1) of this section, for fiscal
16 year 2016 the legislature appropriated \$34,365,000 from the budget
17 stabilization account for the Washington state patrol to cover costs
18 for the 2015 wildfires that were subject to a governor state of
19 emergency declaration.

20 (3) Due to the timing of receiving invoices from those events,
21 the Washington state patrol did not expend its entire fiscal year

1 2016 budget stabilization account appropriation and therefore needs a
2 portion of those moneys reappropriated into fiscal year 2017.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL—FIRES. The
4 sum of \$14,500,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
5 appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal
6 year ending June 30, 2017, and is provided solely for Washington
7 state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response
8 to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW 43.43.960 through
9 43.43.964 for wildfires.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** FOR THE DISASTER RESPONSE ACCOUNT. The sum
11 of \$12,500,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization account
12 for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2019, solely for expenditure
13 into the disaster response account, and is provided solely for
14 disaster response and recovery efforts.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—
16 FIRES. The sum of \$20,923,000 is appropriated from the budget
17 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and
18 is provided solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the
19 department of natural resources during the 2016 fire season.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** 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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