
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2561

State of Washington

65th Legislature

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Blake, Dye, Doglio, Johnson, Peterson, and Eslick)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to temporary duties for the wildland fire
2 advisory committee; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The commissioner of public lands must
6 direct the wildland fire advisory committee established in RCW
7 76.04.179 to review, analyze, and make recommendations on the
8 following issues related to wild fire prevention, response, and
9 suppression activities within our state:

10 (a) The committee, with the assistance of department of natural
11 resources' personnel, must approximately quantify the areas in the
12 state that are not contained within an established fire district nor
13 subject to a planned fire response and make recommendations as to how
14 these areas could be protected as well as a source of funding for any
15 recommended activities.

16 (b) The committee must examine the value of community programs
17 that educate homeowners and engage in preventive projects within wild
18 fire risk communities, such as firewise, and make recommendations on
19 whether these programs should be advanced, and if so, how, including
20 potential sources of ongoing funding for the programs.

1 (2) The department of natural resources must provide to the
2 appropriate committees of the legislature a status report of the
3 committee's efforts by December 31, 2018, and issue a report with the
4 committee's recommendations by November 15, 2019.

5 (3) This section expires December 31, 2019.

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