

**HB 2228 - H AMD 1351**

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1        On page 2, line 22, after "purpose" insert ". Before the chief  
2 may approve a request for the mobilization of risk resources to an  
3 emergency or disaster, the chief shall first consult the master list  
4 of qualified wildland fire suppression contractors maintained by the  
5 department of natural resources pursuant to RCW 76.04.181. If the  
6 chief determines that qualified wildland fire suppression contractors  
7 are able to provide appropriate services in the response to the  
8 emergency or disaster more quickly than other risk resources, the  
9 chief must, except in instances of significant cost disparity, retain  
10 and deploy such qualified wildland fire suppression contractors as are  
11 appropriate for the first forty-eight hours of the disaster or  
12 emergency response"

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EFFECT: Requires the Chief of the Washington State Patrol, prior to approving a request for the mobilization of risk resources, to consult the list of qualified wildland fire suppression contractors maintained by the Department of Natural Resources. If the Chief determines that qualified wildland fire suppression contractors are able to provide appropriate services more quickly than other resources, the Chief must, unless there is a significant cost disparity, utilize such qualified wildland fire suppression contractors as are appropriate for the first 48 hours of the disaster or emergency response.

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