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**SENATE BILL 5196**

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**By** Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, Bailey, Wagoner, Rolfes, Short, Hunt, Frockt, Palumbo, Kuderer, and Mullet; by request of Military Department

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1 AN ACT Relating to national guard pay in state active service for  
2 wildland fire response duty; and amending RCW 38.24.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.24.050 and 2011 c 336 s 767 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted  
7 personnel of the organized militia of Washington, while in active  
8 state service or inactive duty, are entitled to and shall receive the  
9 same amount of pay and allowances from the state of Washington as  
10 provided by federal laws and regulations for commissioned officers,  
11 warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the armed forces of the  
12 United States ((army)) only if federal pay and allowances are not  
13 authorized. For periods of such active state service, commissioned  
14 officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the organized  
15 militia of Washington shall receive either such pay and allowances,  
16 or for wildland fire response an amount equal to the rates  
17 established by the national wildfire coordinating group  
18 administratively determined pay plans for emergency workers, or an  
19 amount equal to ~~((one and one-half of))~~ the ~~((federal))~~ state minimum  
20 wage, whichever is greater.

1       (2) Wildland fire response pay shall have an established minimum  
2 entry rate and additional scaled pay that recognizes the longevity  
3 and responsibility scope of more senior noncommissioned officers,  
4 warrant officers, and company grade commissioned officers. The pay  
5 plan is commensurate with the pay structure of other state agencies  
6 providing resources to wildland fire response. The director of the  
7 state military department shall establish the pay structure subject  
8 to approval of the office of financial management.

9       (3) The value of articles issued to any member and not returned  
10 in good order on demand, and legal fines or forfeitures, may be  
11 deducted from the member's pay.

12       (4) If federal pay and allowances are not authorized, all members  
13 detailed to serve on any board or commission ordered by the governor,  
14 or on any court-martial ordered by proper authority, may, at the  
15 discretion of the adjutant general, be paid a sum equal to one day's  
16 active state service for each day actually employed on the board or  
17 court or engaged in the business thereof, or in traveling to and from  
18 the same; and in addition thereto travel expenses in accordance with  
19 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended when  
20 such duty is at a place other than the city or town of his or her  
21 residence.

22       (5) Necessary transportation, quartermasters' stores, and  
23 subsistence for troops when ordered on active state service may be  
24 contracted for and paid for as are other military bills.

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