

HB 1542 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Labor & Commerce

ADOPTED 03/31/2023

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Any employer with employees who operate, maintain, or
6 construct high voltage lines and equipment or who conduct line-
7 clearance tree trimming in close proximity to high voltage lines and
8 equipment shall:

9 (a) Make an automated external defibrillator available and
10 accessible to employees when work is being performed on, or in close
11 proximity to, high voltage lines and equipment by two or more
12 employees;

13 (b) Conduct regular maintenance and annual inspections of the
14 automated external defibrillator to ensure operability and
15 availability; and

16 (c) Provide training or facilitate the provision of training to
17 ensure there are at least two employees proficient on the proper and
18 safe use of the automated external defibrillator at any site
19 involving work on, or in close proximity to, high voltage lines and
20 equipment. To be considered proficient, an employee must have
21 completed initial or updated training within the previous two years.

22 (2) For the purposes of this section, "high voltage lines and
23 equipment" refers to any energized communication line, electric
24 supply line, or equipment with a voltage of 601 or greater.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2025."

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1 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "equipment;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 49.17 RCW; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: Changes the effective date of the bill from January 1,
2024, to January 1, 2025.

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