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By Representatives Abbarno, Bronoske, Berry, Schmidt, Ramel, Reed, Graham, Timmons, Lekanoff, Reeves, Nance, Riccelli, Wylie, and Hackney; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding purposes for the use of existing
2 firefighter safety funding; and amending RCW 51.04.175.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.04.175 and 2019 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director is authorized to provide funding of up to two
7 percent of the premiums paid in the prior year from the risk classes
8 for firefighters as defined in RCW 41.26.030(17) (a) through (c) for
9 the purposes of providing funding to employers of firefighters who
10 have limited resources to (~~purchase~~);

11 (a) Purchase additional equipment and other gear that may be
12 needed to follow best practices under RCW 51.04.170; and

13 (b) Participate in assessments or training related to safety
14 culture or other safety intervention activities.

15 (2) The department may require matching funds from employers. An
16 appropriation is not required for expenditures. Only employers who
17 pay premiums to the state fund as defined in RCW 51.08.175 are
18 eligible for funding under this section.

1 (~~(2)~~) (3) The department may adopt rules if necessary to
2 implement this section.

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