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**HOUSE BILL 2170**

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**By** Representatives Gregerson, Ormsby, Macri, Bergquist, Berg, and Reeves; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget  
2 stabilization account for declared catastrophic events; creating a  
3 new section; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** On August 19, 2023, the governor declared  
6 a state of emergency in all counties due to threats to life and  
7 property from existing and threatened wildfires.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—**  
9 **FIRES.** The sum of \$19,395,000 is appropriated from the budget  
10 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and  
11 is provided solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the  
12 department of natural resources during the 2023 fire season. For  
13 purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section does  
14 not alter the requirement to balance in ensuing biennia.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect immediately.

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