

Fire Chiefs Association Detail Report

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Fire services mobilization Concerning state fire services mobilization. SHB 1019 Revises the definition of "mobilization" for purposes of state fire services responding to an emergency or disaster situation. Requires the chief of the Washington state patrol to: (1) Also report information for each emergency or disaster for which resources were prepositioned in anticipation of a disaster or emergency predicted to exceed local capabilities; and (2) Update the state mobilization plan to account for the authorization to send resources in preparation of emergencies or disasters that are predicted to exceed local resources.	H Approps	Dent	Support
Operating budget Making operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia. Makes operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.	H Rules R	Ormsby	Neutral
SHB 1067 (ESSB 5048)			
Capital budget 2017-2019 House Capital Budget Support the FTA funding portion of this bill	H Rules R	Tharinger	Support
SHB 1075 (ESSB 5086)			
Excess liquor revenue dist. Concerning gradually increasing the local government share of excess liquor revenues until the percentage-based method for distributions is restored. SHB 1113 Removes the statutory cap on excess liquor revenues and gradually returns the distributions to cities and counties to the percentage amounts before Initiative Measure No. 1183.	H Rules R	Hayes	Support
SHB 1113			
Comm. assist. referral progs Concerning reimbursement for services provided pursuant to community assistance referral and education services programs. E2SHB 1358 Requires the state health care authority to adopt standards for the reimbursement of health care services provided to eligible clients by fire departments pursuant to a community assistance referral and education services program. Requires the standards to allow payment for covered health care services provided to individuals whose medical needs do not require ambulance transport to an emergency department. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to, in consultation with the state health care authority, conduct a cost-effectiveness review of the standards for reimbursement. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.	H Passed FP	Griffey	Support
E2SHB 1358			
SHB 1467 (SSB 5364)	H Passed FP	Stokesbary	Support
Fire protection service auth Removing disincentives to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities by			

establishing parity, equalizing certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts, and clarifying the formation process.

Revises regional fire protection service authority provisions as follows: (1) Removes disincentives to the voluntary formation of the authorities by establishing parity; (2) Equalizes certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts; and (3) Clarifies the formation process.

Public records admin.

H Passed FP

McBride

Support

Improving public records administration.

Revises the public records act to improve public records administration. Requires training for records officers and public records officers to address particular issues related to the retention, production, and disclosure of electronic documents. Requires the attorney general to establish a consultation program to provide information for developing best practices for local agencies requesting assistance in compliance with the public records act. This program ceases to exist June 30, 2020. Requires the state archivist, until June 30, 2020, to offer and provide consultation and training services for local agencies on improving record retention practices. Requires the division of archives and records management in the office of the secretary of state to: (1) Establish and administer a competitive grant program for local agencies to improve certain technology information systems for public records; (2) Conduct a study to assess the feasibility of implementing a statewide open records portal through which a user can request and receive a response, relating to public records information, through a single internet web site; and (3) Convene a stakeholder group to develop the initial scope and direction of the study. Requires the county auditor to charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument for every document recorded. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a review of the attorney general's consultation program, the state archivist's training services, and the local government competitive grant program. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the secretary of state solely for purposes of the study.

[ESHB 1594](#)

Public records request costs

H Passed FP

Nealey

Support

Concerning costs associated with responding to public records requests.

[EHB 1595](#)

HB 1595 - DIGEST Revises the public records act with regard to: (1) Requiring statements of actual costs for photocopies and electronically produced copies to be adopted by the agency only after public notice and a hearing; (2) Allowing the denial of a bot request; (3) Requiring that a request be for identifiable records; and (4) Expanding information on agency charges.

Oil transportation safety

H Rules R

Farrell

Support

Concerning oil transportation safety.

[2SHB 1611](#)

Addresses oil transportation safety to: (1) Enhance safety measures that protect against the risk of oil spills occurring on land and water; (2) Provide a sustainable source of funding for the state's oil spill preparedness and response program; and (3) Ensure the state's ability to recover from a large oil spill.

Property tax revenue limit

H Rules R

Lytton

Support

Replacing the one percent property tax revenue limit with a limit tied to cost drivers.

[HB 1764](#)
[\(SB 5772\)](#)

Establishes a new statutory limit on local government property taxes which is responsive to the additional public demand for service and associated costs.

Fire incident reporting sys. H Passed FP Gregerson Support
Concerning the national fire incident reporting system.

[SHB 1863](#) Requires the chief of the Washington state patrol, through the director of fire protection, to administer the national fire incident reporting system including purchasing equipment, establishing procedures, standards, and guidelines, providing training and education, and employing staff. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Taxes H Rules R Lytton Neutral
Concerning investing in Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge while eliminating tax liability for small businesses, enacting an excise tax on capital gains, modifying the real estate excise tax, making administrative changes, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.

[SHB 2186](#) Addresses the state's tax system with regard to: (1) Capital gains taxes; (2) Business and occupation tax rate change and deduction; (3) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water; (4) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for warehousing and reselling prescription drugs; (5) Narrowing a use tax exemption for self-produced fuel; (6) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rate for international investment management services; (7) Nonresident sales tax exemption remittances; (8) Graduated real estate excise tax rates; (9) Real estate excise tax on foreclosures; (10) Requiring local governments that issue building permits to supply subcontractor information to the department of revenue; (11) Remote sellers, referrers, and marketplace facilitators; (12) The expansion of an individual's liability for an entity's unpaid tax obligations; (13) Reducing interest on tax refunds; and (14) Transfers to the education legacy trust account.

[ESSB 5048](#) **Operating budget** H Passed 3rd Braun Concerns
(SHB 1067) Making operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.
Makes operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.

Education H Approps Braun Concerns
Concerning education.

[SSB 5607](#) Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

[ESSB 5628](#) **Fire district formation** S Passed FP Takko Support
Providing for fire protection district formation by the legislative authority of a city or town subject to voter approval.

SB 5628-S - DIGEST Authorizes the legislative authority of a city or town, as an alternative to the petition method of formation for fire protection districts and subject to voter approval, to establish a fire protection district with boundaries that are the same as the corporate boundaries of the city or town for the provision of fire prevention services, fire suppression services, and emergency medical services. Requires a city or town to reduce its general fund regular property tax levy by the total combined levy of the fire protection district. Authorizes a city or town fire protection district to establish an ambulance service to be operated as a public utility, however, the fire protection district may not provide for the establishment of an ambulance service utility that would compete with an existing private ambulance service unless the district determines otherwise. Transfers powers, duties, and functions of a city or town fire department, pertaining to fire protection and emergency services of the city or town, to the fire protection district on its creation date.

ESSB 5875	Education reform revisions Making revisions to education reforms in Substitute Senate Bill No. 5607. Revises certain elements of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5607 regarding education reforms.	H Approps	Braun	Concerns
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Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
SHB 1116 (SB 5032)	Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account. Requires the state treasurer to, on July 1, 2017, transfer forty-two million dollars from the state general fund to the family and medical leave insurance account. The transfer is a loan for start-up costs of the program.	H Rules R	Robinson	Concerns
HB 1166 (SB 5121)	Fire district tax levies Concerning fire protection district tax levies. Removes certain requirements of the board of fire commissioners of a fire protection district with regard to levying ad valorem taxes on taxable property within the district.	Del to Gov	Griffey	Support
ESHB 1489	Wildland fire contractors Concerning private wildland fire suppression contractors. HB 1489-S - DIGEST Requires the department of natural resources, for the maximum effective use of local fire suppression assets, to actively engage in ongoing prefire season outreach and recruitment of qualified wildland fire suppression contractors and equipment owners and compile and annually update a master list of the qualified contractors. Requires the local wildland fire liaison to fulfill duties as assigned by the commissioner of public lands or the legislature, including the recruitment of local wildland fire suppression contractors.	Del to Gov	Kretz	Neutral

<u>E2SHB 1711</u>	Forest health treatments Prioritizing lands to receive forest health treatments.	S Passed 3rd	Kretz	Support
	Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Develop and implement a policy for prioritizing investments on forest health treatments to protect state lands and state forestlands against losses from wildfire; (2) Consistent with the policy, identify areas of state lands and state forestlands that would benefit from forest health treatments at the landscape level; (3) In order to expedite initial treatments, prioritize and address lands for treatment that are currently identified by the department as pilot treatment projects; and (4) Consult with and take into account the land management plans and activities or nearby landowners, including federal agencies, other state agencies, local governments, tribes, and private property owners. Creates the forest health revolving account. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.			
<u>SHB 1915</u>	Hospital inspections Addressing hospital inspections by limiting the uses of the fire protection contractor license fund and directing the department of health to engage in rule making to appropriately fund the cost of hospital inspections from hospital license fees.	H Approps	Griffey	Support
	Requires the department of health to set the fees for an application for a license, or renewal of a license, by a hospital to include the costs of inspections for fire protection purposes. Specifies that, the standards for fire protection and its enforcement, with respect to hospitals, are no longer eligible for expenditures from the fire protection contractor license fund.			
<u>SHB 2202</u>	EMTs/LEOFF 2 membership Addressing the eligibility of emergency medical technicians for membership in the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2.	H Passed 3rd	Manweller	Neutral
	Addresses membership in the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2. Authorizes a member who provided service as an emergency medical technician to an employer to establish credit for the service rendered on or after July 24, 2005, and before the effective date of this act, unless the service is already credited. Requires the department of retirement systems, upon receipt of a written request, to notify the member of the cost to establish credit for the service. Provides a benefit calculation if a member, who elected to transfer, dies or retires for disability prior to five years from their election date.			
<u>SB 5122</u> <u>(HB 1167)</u>	Fire commissioner comp. Concerning fire commissioner compensation. Addresses inflation adjustments for the compensation of a fire commissioner.	Del to Gov	Takko	Support
<u>ESSB 5198</u>	Fire suppression methodology Concerning fire suppression methodologies. Requires the department of natural resources to report certain fire suppression information to the legislature.	H Spkr Signed	Becker	Neutral
<u>SB 5454</u>	Fire district annexations	S Passed FP	Frockt	Support

**(ESHB
1751)**

Allowing fire protection district annexations and mergers within a reasonable geographic proximity and eliminating cross-county restrictions for annexations to a fire protection district.

Eliminates cross-county restrictions for annexations to a fire protection district. Allows fire protection district annexations and mergers within a reasonable geographic proximity.

Forest health treat. assess.	Del to Gov	Hawkins	Neutral
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Concerning proactively addressing wildfire risk by creating a forest health treatment assessment.

[2SSB 5546](#)

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Establish a forest health assessment and treatment framework designed to proactively and systematically address the forest health issues facing the state; (2) Use the framework to assess and treat acreage in an incremental fashion each biennium; (3) Identify and assess two hundred thousand acres of fire prone lands and communities that are in need of forest health treatment; and (4) Establish a forest health advisory committee to assist in developing and implementing the framework.

Paid family leave	S Ways & Means	Fain	Concerns
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Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5829](#)

Addresses the provision of paid family leave for the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care with an employee and for a qualifying exigency under the federal family and medical leave act.

Monitoring Bills

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

Position

Operating sup budget 2017	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
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[HB 1068](#)
[\(SB 5047\)](#)

Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.
Makes 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.

First responders/disability	Del to Gov	McCabe	Concerns
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Concerning persons with a disability present at the scene of an accident.

[SHB 1258](#)

Establishes the Travis alert act. Requires the department of health, in collaboration with certain entities to: (1) Review existing local training programs and training programs being used in other states; and (2) Design a statewide training program to familiarize fire department and emergency medical service personnel with techniques, procedures, and protocols for best handling situations in which persons with disabilities are present at the scene of an emergency. Requires the criminal justice training commission, in consultation with the Washington state patrol and other stakeholders, to examine existing training programs and curricula related to law enforcement officers responding to an emergency where a person with a disability may be present. Requires the adjutant general, through the state enhanced 911 coordinator and in collaboration with certain entities to assess the resources, capabilities, techniques, protocols, and procedures available or required to include, as part of enhanced 911 emergency services, the ability to allow an immediate display on the screen indicating that a person with a disability may be present at the scene of an emergency and additional information on the person with a disability that would assist the first responder.

School safety drills H Passed FP Pettigrew Neutral
Concerning school safety drills.

[SHB 1279](#)

(g) Set guidelines for requesting city or county law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, emergency service providers, and county emergency management agencies to meet with school districts and participate in safety-related drills.

OPMA/IT security matters Del to Gov Hudgins Neutral
Concerning the harmonization of the open public meetings act with the public records act in relation to information technology security matters.

[SHB 1417](#)

Allows a governing body to hold an executive session during a regular or special meeting to consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW 19.255.010 and 42.56.590, and with legal counsel available, information regarding: (1) Infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks; (2) Security and service recovery plans; and (3) Security risk assessments and security test results.

Senior center property taxes Del to Gov Griffey
Exempting multipurpose senior citizen centers from property taxation.

[SHB 1526](#)

(SSB 5783)

Exempts the following from property taxes: One or more contiguous real property parcels and personal property owned by a senior citizen organization if the property is used for the actual operation of a multipurpose senior citizen center.

Homelessness/wildfire areas H Spkr Signed Walsh Neutral
Addressing homelessness in wildfire areas.

[ESHB 2010](#)

Requires the department of natural resources, in order to prevent homelessness in a county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range that shares a common border with Canada and has a population of one hundred thousand or less and to strengthen the local capacity for controlling risk to life and property that may result from wildfires, administer funding to these counties for: (1) Radio communication equipment; and (2) Fire protection service providers within these counties to provide residential wildfire risk reduction activities.

Capital budget T.O. H Cap Budget Tharinger
Relating to the capital budget.

[HB 2170](#)

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to the capital budget.

Language of public notices H Passed 3rd Hasegawa Concerns
Providing public notices of public health, safety, and welfare in a language other than English.

[SSB 5046](#)

(2SHB 1540)

Requires state agencies, that are required by law or rule to provide public notices to a community or area to advise or inform the public about an imminent or emergent public health, safety, or welfare risk, to provide the notices in a manner which has been determined to be most effective in communicating with significant segments of their diverse communities who speak a language other than English. Requires political subdivisions or their emergency management contractors, when issuing notices during emergencies including evacuation notices and shelter information, to share that information in a manner

determined to be most effective for communicating with significant segments of the community who speak a language other than English. Requires political subdivisions to: (1) Maintain or have access to updated demographic data for their jurisdictions and information on the languages represented by their respective communities; and (2) Grant access to the information to those authorized to issue emergency notices on their behalf.

<u>SB 5047</u> (HB 1068)	Operating sup budget 2017 Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations. Makes 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Braun
<u>SB 5049</u>	Relocation assistance Concerning relocation assistance following real property acquisition. Requires the state, local public agencies, and other persons who have the authority to acquire property by eminent domain under state law to comply with chapter 8.26 RCW (relocation assistance--real property acquisition policy) in order to assure the fair and equitable treatment of all persons and property owners impacted by public projects.	S Passed FP	King
<u>SSB 5185</u> (HB 1277)	Emerg. response volunteers Providing immunity from liability for professional or trade associations providing emergency response volunteers. Prohibits an act or omission, by a covered volunteer emergency worker while engaged in a covered activity, from imposing any liability for civil damages resulting from the act or omission upon a professional or trade association of covered volunteer emergency workers.	C 36 L 17	Wilson Neutral
<u>SSB 5207</u> (SHB 1317)	GPS data disclosure Concerning the public disclosure of global positioning system data corresponding to residential addresses of public employees and volunteers. Exempts the following employment and licensing information from public inspection and copying under the public records act: The global positioning system data that would indicate the location of the residence of a public employee or volunteer using the global positioning system recording device.	C 38 L 17	Kuderer Support
<u>SB 5661</u>	LEOFF interr. service credit Addressing interruptive service credit for members of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system. Adds a definition for "period of war" for purposes of chapter 41.26 RCW (law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system).	S Passed FP	Rolfes Neutral
<u>ESSB 5751</u>	Muni. ambulance personnel Concerning personnel requirements for municipal ambulance services. Requires an ambulance service established by volunteer or municipal corporations in a rural area with insufficient personnel, with approval from the department of health, to use a driver without medical or	Del to Gov	Schoesler Neutral

first-aid training as long as the driver is at least eighteen years old, successfully passes a background check issued or approved by the department, possesses a valid driver's license with no restrictions, is accompanied by a nondriving emergency medical technician while operating the ambulance during a response or transport of a patient, and only provides medical care to patients to the level that they are trained.

<u>SB 5872</u>	Public safety T.O. Relating to public safety. Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to public safety.	S Ways & Means	Braun
<u>SB 5878</u>	Revenue T.O. Relating to revenue. Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to revenue.	S Ways & Means	Braun
<u>SB 5879</u>	Revenue T.O. Relating to revenue. Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to revenue.	S Ways & Means	Braun
<u>SB 5885</u>	Revenue T.O. Relating to revenue. Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to revenue.	S Ways & Means	Ranker
<u>SB 5895</u>	Budget stabilization approps Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account for catastrophic wildfire events in fiscal year 2017. Makes appropriations from the budget stabilization account to: (1) The department of natural resources for fire suppression costs incurred during the 2016 fire season; and (2) The Washington state patrol for Washington state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response to an emergency or disaster.	H Approps	Braun
<u>SB 5911</u>	Budget stabilization approps Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account. Makes an appropriation from the budget stabilization account for expenditure into the public employees' retirement system plan 1 fund to reduce the unfunded actuarially accrued liability in that plan. Establishes a surcharge on employers, as defined in RCW 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, to reimburse the state general fund for the expected reduction in the unfunded actuarially accrued liability for employers due to the payment made from the state general fund in the appropriation above. Requires the department of retirement systems to bill each employer a surcharge every month. Requires the pension funding council to adopt an annual supplemental employer rate that reflects the impact of the state's contribution toward the public employees' retirement system plan's unfunded actuarially accrued	S Ways & Means	Nelson

liability. Creates the homeless assistance account. Makes appropriations from the budget stabilization account to: (1) The homeless assistance account; and (2) The housing trust fund for new construction, renovation, or conversion of existing housing stock for permanent supportive housing or other housing options particularly to provide assistance for people who are homeless and those who are at risk of becoming homeless and to assist in operations and maintenance costs for affordable and supportive housing. Makes an appropriation from the homeless assistance account to the department of commerce for administrative purposes, and requires the funds to be distributed statewide, to sheltering, including emergency shelter and support services, for individuals and families, including assistance to families in the temporary assistance for needy families program, and to the housing and essential needs program.
