



Washington Fire Chiefs Top Five

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Top Five Issues

- Raise EMS Levy Cap to \$.75 – [HB 1136](#)
 - This bill would allow EMS levy maximum to go from \$.50 to \$.75 if the local voters approved it by 60%. Typically EMS services represent over 70% of what fire departments, districts and RFA's actually respond to and this local option would greatly assist some of members.
- All Risk Mobilization [HB 1126](#) & SB 6003
 - This bill would allow the eight million currently provided for only wildland mobilizations to be used for all-risk events. This has only happened twice in our history and requires approval of the Chief of the WSP.
- Oppose Ambulance Billing Direct to Patient [HB 1263](#)
 - We are working on a non-legislative solution to this issue that would be a LOA with the major insurance providers agreeing that this practice would not be used. We have had positive feedback to date on this method of solution.
- Allowing Municipality to Form RFA [HB 1654](#) & SB 5520
 - This would allow a city to form an RFA within its city limits. This option makes sense for several of cities and we support the option.
- Allowing Renewal of Benefit Charge via Simple Majority for Fire Districts [HB 1486](#) & SB 5331
 - This bill would allow a simple majority for RFA's to renew their benefit service charge just as the fire districts can do today.