Washington State
House of Representatives
Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans Committee

HB 2397

Brief Description: Requiring timely reimbursement of state agencies and local jurisdictions mobilized under the Washington state fire services mobilization plan.

Sponsors: Representatives Bronoske, Salahuddin, Nance and Reeves.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Washington State Patrol to ensure that Washington Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan procedures provide reimbursement to host districts and to mobilized state agencies and jurisdictions within 60 days of the conclusion of mobilization.

Hearing Date: 1/23/26

Staff: Emily Poole (786-7106).

Background:

The Washington Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan (Plan) is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other logistical resources when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions. The Plan is a part of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Chief of the Washington State Patrol (Chief) must review the Plan as submitted by the Director of Fire Protection, recommend changes, and approve the Plan for inclusion in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. It is the responsibility of the Chief to mobilize jurisdictions under the Plan.

The Washington State Patrol, in consultation with the Office of Financial Management and the Washington Military Department, must develop procedures to facilitate reimbursement to state

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agencies and jurisdictions from appropriate federal and state funds when state agencies and jurisdictions are mobilized under the Plan. The Washington State Patrol must ensure that these procedures provide reimbursement to the host district in as timely a manner as possible.

Summary of Bill:

The Washington State Patrol must ensure that Plan reimbursement procedures provide reimbursement to the host district and to mobilized state agencies and jurisdictions within 60 days of the conclusion of the mobilization.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 13, 2026.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.