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BILL REQ. #: Z-0329.1/19

ATTY/TYPIST: KS:amh

Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account for declared catastrophic wildfires in BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

fiscal year 2019.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget
- 2 stabilization account for declared catastrophic wildfires in fiscal
- 3 year 2019; creating a new section; making appropriations; and
- 4 declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** (1) On July 31, 2018, the governor
- 7 declared a state of emergency due to elevated fire conditions and
- 8 limited wildland firefighting resources.
- 9 (2) The legislature finds that this wildfire event constituted a catastrophic event that resulted in a state of emergency.
- 11 (3) The legislature intends to make appropriations from the
- 12 budget stabilization account to address this wildfire emergency.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—
- 14 FIRES. The sum of \$42,690,000 is appropriated from the budget
- 15 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and
- 16 is provided solely for additional wildfire suppression costs incurred
- 17 by the department of natural resources during the 2018 fire season.
- 18 For purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section
- 19 does not alter the requirement to balance in ensuing biennia.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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