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1 AN ACT Relating to political subdivisions in the intrastate mutual
2 aid system; and amending RCW 38.56.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.56.010 and 2011 c 79 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Assistance" means emergency responders and resources provided
9 by a responding member jurisdiction in response to a request from a
10 requesting member jurisdiction.

11 (2) "Department" means the state military department.

12 (3) "Emergency" means an event or set of circumstances that: (a)
13 Demand immediate action to preserve public health, protect life,
14 protect public property, or to provide relief to any stricken community
15 overtaken by such occurrence; or (b) reach such a dimension or degree
16 of destructiveness as to warrant the governor declaring a state of
17 emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.010.

18 (4) "Emergency responder" means an employee of a responding member
19 jurisdiction who is designated in writing by that responding member

1 jurisdiction as possessing skills, qualifications, training, knowledge,
2 or experience that may be needed, pursuant to a request for assistance
3 under this chapter, for: (a) Response, mitigation, or recovery
4 activities related to an emergency; or (b) participation in drills or
5 exercises in preparation for an emergency.

6 (5) "Operational control" means the limited authority to direct
7 tasks, assignments, and use of assistance provided pursuant to a
8 request for assistance under this chapter to address: (a) Response,
9 mitigation, or recovery activities related to an emergency; or (b)
10 participation in drills or exercises in preparation for an emergency.

11 "Operational control" does not include any right, privilege, or benefit
12 of ownership or employment such as disposition, compensation, wages,
13 salary, pensions, health benefits, leave, seniority, discipline,
14 promotion, hiring, or firing.

15 (6) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, (~~or~~) town, or
16 water-sewer district in the state of Washington.

17 (7) "Requesting member jurisdiction" means a member jurisdiction
18 that requests assistance from another member jurisdiction under this
19 chapter.

20 (8) "Resources" includes supplies, materials, equipment,
21 facilities, energy, services, information, systems, and other assets
22 except for emergency responders that may be needed, pursuant to a
23 request for assistance under this chapter, for: (a) Response,
24 mitigation, or recovery activities related to an emergency; or (b)
25 participation in drills or exercises in preparation for an emergency.

26 (9) "Responding member jurisdiction" means a member jurisdiction
27 providing or intending to provide assistance to a requesting member
28 jurisdiction under this chapter.

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