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H.B. No. 2063

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2063:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2063

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a database of the firefighting equipment in the state available for use in responding to wildfires.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.1255 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.1255. STATEWIDE DATABASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT. (a) In this section, "fire department" means:

(1) a volunteer fire department; or

(2) a department of a municipality, county, or special district or authority that provides firefighting services.

(b) The Texas Forest Service shall create and maintain a comprehensive database that shows in real time the statewide inventory of firefighting equipment that is available for use in responding to wildfires.

(c) The database must:

(1) include a description of the type of firefighting equipment each fire department in the state has available for use in responding to wildfires;

(2) include contact information for the fire department that has the equipment;

(3) be searchable by location and equipment type; and

(4) be accessible by all fire departments in the state and allow each fire department to update the information in the

1 database regarding the equipment the fire department has available.

2       (d) The Texas Forest Service shall assist a fire department  
3 that provides equipment information to the database in updating the  
4 database annually or as soon as practicable after any change in the  
5 availability of the department's firefighting equipment. The Texas  
6 Forest Service shall use an electronic notification system to  
7 remind fire departments, at least once each calendar year, to  
8 update the availability of the department's firefighting  
9 equipment.

10       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.