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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. Section 418.004, Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (15) to read as follows:

(15) "Forest service" means the Texas A&M Forest Service.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.059 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.059. STATEWIDE DATABASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT. (a) The 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.

(b) 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 (c) The forest service may assist fire departments who
3 choose to provide equipment information in updating the database
4 annually or as soon as practicable after any change in the
5 availability of the department's firefighting equipment.

6 (d) In this section, "fire department" includes a volunteer
7 fire department or an emergency services district.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.