

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rural Affairs & Agriculture.

HB19-1006 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, add  
4 (1.5)(b)(V) and (8.8) as follows:

5 **23-31-310. Forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation**  
6 **grant program - legislative declaration - technical advisory panel -**  
7 **definitions - repeal. (1.5) Legislative declaration.** The general  
8 assembly hereby:

9 (b) Determines that:

10 (V) GIVEN THE CHALLENGING CONDITIONS OF COLORADO'S  
11 FORESTS AND THE IMMINENT RISKS OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE, IT IS  
12 CRITICAL THAT STATE FUNDING OF THE GRANTS PROGRAM BE INCREASED  
13 FOR THE 2019-20 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THAT GRANT MONEY BE  
14 EXPENDED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT  
15 PRACTICABLE TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

16 (8.8) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ANY  
17 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2019-20 STATE  
18 FISCAL YEAR TO THE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5)(a) OF THIS  
19 SECTION BE EXPENDED ON GRANTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE MAXIMUM  
20 NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS  
21 TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO LIFE, PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL  
22 INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY WILDFIRE.

23 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,  
24 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for  
25 allocation to the board of governors of the Colorado state university  
26 system to be deposited into the forest restoration and wildfire risk  
27 mitigation grant program cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5),  
28 C.R.S., for the use of the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation  
29 grant program created in section 23-31-310, C.R.S. This appropriation is  
30 from the general fund.

31 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
32 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
33 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

34 Page 1, strike lines 103 through 105 and substitute "CONNECTION  
35 THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT STATE  
36 FUNDING OF THE EXISTING FOREST RESTORATION AND WILDFIRE RISK  
37 MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM BE INCREASED AND MAKING AN  
38 APPROPRIATION."

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