

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 18, 2019

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Rural Affairs & Agriculture.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB19-1006 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

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

1 allocation to the board of governors of the Colorado state university
2 system to be deposited into the forest restoration and wildfire risk
3 mitigation grant program cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5),
4 C.R.S., for the use of the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation
5 grant program created in section 23-31-310, C.R.S. This appropriation is
6 from the general fund.

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

10 Page 1, strike lines 103 through 105 and substitute "**CONNECTION**
11 **THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT STATE**
12 **FUNDING OF THE EXISTING FOREST RESTORATION AND WILDFIRE RISK**
13 **MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM BE INCREASED AND MAKING AN**
14 **APPROPRIATION.**".

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