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SB16-003

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

Drafting Number: LLS 16-0277 **Date:** August 19, 2016
Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Roberts; Jones **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
 Rep. Becker K. **Fiscal Analyst:** Josh Abram (303-866-3561)

BILL TOPIC: BROADCAST BURNS WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUNDING

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue	<u>\$1.0 million</u>	
State Transfers		
General Fund	(\$1.0 million)	
Wildfire Risk Reduction Cash Fund	\$1.0 million	
State Expenditures	<u>\$1.0 million</u>	
Wildfire Risk Reduction Cash Fund	<u>\$1.0 million</u>	
Appropriation Required: None required. Money in the affected cash fund is continuously appropriated.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program to assist with funding community-level and statewide actions to protect populations and property in wildland-urban interface areas, and to promote forest health and the use of forest products and biomass.

The bill modifies the duties and charge of the Wildfire Matters Review Committee and transfers \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Cash Fund.

Background

To date, the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program has awarded 4 rounds of grants totaling approximately \$10.7 million to 106 projects across 27 counties. The program is authorized until July 1, 2018.

State Revenue

State transfers. For FY 2016-17, the bill transfers \$1.0 million from the General Fund to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Cash fund.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures for grants from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program by \$1.0 million.

Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program. State expenditures from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program increase by \$1.0 million as a result of the General Fund transfers to the Wildfire Risk Reduction Cash fund. The grant program funds two types of projects: fuel treatment projects that reduce the risk of property damage from wildfires, and/or limits the likelihood of wildfires spreading to populated areas; and, local government capacity-building projects that provide equipment to enable local governments to treat hazardous fuels on state and private lands.

Local Government Impact

Counties and other local governments will continue to apply for and receive grant funding for wildfire risk reduction projects in their jurisdictions. The bill expands funding for grant programs, thereby increasing funding available for local governments.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor it took effect on June 6, 2016.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Local Affairs

Natural Resources

Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for Senate Bill 16-003 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.