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**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 19-0222                           | <b>Date:</b>           | July 17, 2019                                       |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Rep. McLachlan; Carver<br>Sen. Fields | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | Signed into Law                                     |
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**Bill Topic:** WILDFIRE MITIGATION WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREAS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill appropriates \$1.0 million to the Department of Higher Education for allocation to the State Forest Service at Colorado State University (CSU) for the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program.

**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1.0 million.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1006**

|                     |              | FY 2019-20    | FY 2020-21 |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>      |              |               |            |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | General Fund | \$1.0 million |            |
| <b>Transfers</b>    |              | -             | -          |
| <b>TABOR Refund</b> |              | -             | -          |

### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill includes a legislative declaration stating it is critical that state funding for the State Forest Service Forest Restoration and Wildfire Grant Program at CSU be increased for FY 2019-20, and that grant money be expended on an expedited basis to the greatest extent practicable to support the maximum number of effective forest management fuels reduction projects to reduce the impacts to life, property, and critical infrastructure caused by wildfire.

The bill includes a General Fund Appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Department of Higher Education for allocation to the State Forest Service at CSU.

### **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state expenditures for grants by \$1.0 million.

### **Local Government**

Local governments that are eligible to receive grants from the program may also have increased expenditures, if they are awarded grants from this additional source of funds.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 31, 2019.

### **State Appropriations**

Consistent with this final fiscal note, for FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Department of Higher Education.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties  
Natural Resources

Higher Education  
Public Safety

Municipalities