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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Fenberg; Rankin Bill Status: Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT & RESPONSE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue (checkbox)
State Expenditure (checked)
State Transfer (checked)
TABOR Refund (checkbox)
Local Government (checkbox)
Statutory Public Entity (checkbox)

In the current FY 2020-21, the bill transfers \$30.8 million from the General Fund for the purchase and lease of wildfire mitigation aircraft.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required; the bill transfers money to a continuously appropriated cash fund.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-113

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Current Year FY 2020-21, Budget Year FY 2021-22, Out Year FY 2022-23. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (Cash Funds, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers (General Fund, Cash Funds, Net Transfer), and TABOR Refund.

## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill transfers \$30.8 million from the General Fund to the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund in the Colorado Department of Public Safety (DPS). The Division of Fire Prevention and Control may use the funds for the purchase and operation of a firefighting helicopter, and for the lease and operation of another helicopter or other appropriate aviation resource equipped for wildfire mitigation.

## **State Transfers**

On the bill's effective date, the bill transfers \$30,800,000 from the General Fund to the Colorado Firefighting Air Corps Fund in the DPS.

## **State Expenditures**

In the current FY 2020-21, the bill authorizes the DPS to spend \$30.8 million for wildfire mitigation aircraft in advance of the 2021 wildfire season.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Public Safety