

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 4, 2021

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Finance.

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

HB21-1008 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 9, after line 12 insert:

2 "SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-103, **amend**
3 (4.9) as follows:

4 **37-95-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 95:

5 (4.9) "Forest health project" means:

6 (a) ~~An undertaking~~ A SCIENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT ACTION that
7 improves the ECOLOGICAL health of a forest, including, but not limited to:

8 (I) Reducing the threat of uncharacteristically large or intense
9 insect ~~diseases~~ and DISEASE epidemics;

10 (II) Reducing the THREAT OR impact of uncharacteristically large
11 or high-intensity wildfires;

12 (III) Reducing the impact of undesirable nonnative species;

13 (IV) Replanting trees in SEVERELY BURNED OR OTHERWISE
14 deforested areas WHERE NATURAL REGENERATION OF FOREST COVER IS
15 UNLIKELY; ~~or~~ AND

16 (V) ~~Improving~~ IN ADDITION TO THE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS
17 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (4.9)(a)(I) THROUGH (4.9)(a)(IV) OF THIS
18 SECTION, IMPROVEMENT OF the use of, or ~~adding~~ ADDITION OF value to,
19 small diameter trees; and

20 (b) ~~A project to harvest~~ HARVESTING woody vegetation for, or ~~use~~
21 USING woody vegetation in, the production of energy, fuels, forest
22 products, or other applications. BENEFITS OF FOREST HEALTH PROJECTS
23 MAY INCLUDE IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN

1 INTERFACE, PROTECTION OF CRITICAL WATER SUPPLIES, AND ENHANCED
2 WILDLIFE HABITAT. ~~The~~ A FOREST HEALTH project may, but need not,
3 constitute all or part of a plan adopted by a community under section
4 23-31-312 (3.5). ~~C.R.S.~~".

5 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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