

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

April 28, 2021

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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

HB21-1180 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, line 23, after "FUEL;" add "AND".
- 2 Page 3, strike lines 11 through 19 and substitute:
  - 3 "(b) DECLARES THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE STATE FOR THE
  - 4 FOREST SERVICE TO ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM TO DEMONSTRATE
  - 5 BIOMASS UTILIZATION AS A MEANS TO INNOVATE WILDFIRE".
- 6 Page 3, strike lines 24 through 26.
- 7 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 8 Page 4, strike lines 10 through 20 and substitute:
  - 9 "(f) "WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE" OR "WUI" HAS THE MEANING
  - 10 SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-31-310 (2)(f).
  - 11 (3) (a) (I) THE BIOMASS UTILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM IS CREATED
  - 12 TO DEMONSTRATE THE UTILIZATION OF BIOMASS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.
  - 13 THE FOREST SERVICE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE FORESTER, MAY
  - 14 IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM BY AWARDING UP TO TWO MILLION FIVE
  - 15 HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS THAT
  - 16 SEEK TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING REGARDING BIOMASS
  - 17 UTILIZATION:".

1 Page 4, line 24, strike "AND" and substitute "OR".

2 Page 4, strike lines 26 and 27 and substitute "BIOCHAR."

3 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 24 and substitute:

4 "(II) THE FOREST SERVICE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE  
5 FORESTER, MAY ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM USING MONEY IN THE  
6 HEALTHY FORESTS AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
7 23-31-313 (10) AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RECEIVED. THE  
8 FOREST SERVICE MAY SEEK AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS  
9 TO FINANCE THE BIOMASS UTILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM.

10 (4) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH  
11 MARCH 1 AFTER A YEAR IN WHICH THE FOREST SERVICE AWARDS ONE OR  
12 MORE GRANTS UNDER THE BIOMASS UTILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM, THE  
13 FOREST SERVICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DESCRIBING EACH PROJECT FOR  
14 WHICH IT HAS AWARDED A GRANT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, INCLUDING A  
15 DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF BIOMASS UTILIZATION THAT THE PROJECT  
16 DEMONSTRATES, THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED BY THE PROJECT, AND  
17 THE AMOUNT AWARDED FOR THE PROJECT, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE  
18 AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND".

19 Page 6, line 2, strike "2022." and substitute "2026. BEFORE THE REPEAL,  
20 THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
21 24-34-104.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**  
23 (27)(a)(IX) as follows:

24 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
25 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
26 **declaration - repeal.** (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
27 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

28 (IX) THE BIOMASS UTILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED  
29 BY THE STATE FOREST SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-31-317."

30 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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