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Bill Topic: CONTINUE THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditures, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill continues the Wildfire Matters Review Committee until September 1, 2025. It increases state expenditures in the Legislative Department through FY 2025-26.

Appropriation Summary: The bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$49,125 in FY 2018-19.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB18-039

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total, Total FTE), Transfers, and TABOR Refund.

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, the Wildfire Matters Review Committee (WMRC) is repealed on July 1, 2018. This bill continues the committee until September 1, 2025, and repeals obsolete provisions related to the committee. The bill also specifies that the committee may recommend no more than five bills each interim, and that the recommended bills are subject to the applicable deadlines, bill introduction limits, and other rules for interim committee bills.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department by \$52,054 in FY 2018-19 and \$35,242 in FY 2019-20. Costs are listed in Table 2 and explained below.

**Table 2  
Expenditures Under SB18-039**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<b>Legislative Department</b>		
Personal Services - OLLS	\$7,641	\$7,641
Personal Services - LCS	\$18,414	\$18,414
Capitol Meetings - legislator travel and per diem	\$4,370	\$6,555
Tours - per diem, travel, and logistics	\$18,700	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$2,929	\$2,632
FTE – OLLS	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
FTE – LCS	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$52,054</b>	<b>\$35,242</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.4 FTE</b>	<b>0.4 FTE</b>

\* Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Assumptions.** This analysis assumes that the WMRC will continue with 10 members and that all members will attend all meetings and tours. In FY 2018-19, costs assume two meetings at the Capitol and two, two-day tours. In FY 2019-20, costs assume only three meetings at the Capitol. This is consistent with the committee's meetings and tours during the last two interims.

**Personal services.** OLLS requires 0.1 FTE for an attorney to provide research and bill drafting services to the committee. LCS requires 0.3 FTE for staff, research, and fiscal note support for the committee.

**Capitol meetings.** The cost for meetings at the Capitol includes legislator per diem, benefits, and travel reimbursement, which totals \$218.50 per member, per meeting. The total cost is \$4,370 in FY 2018-19 for two meetings and \$6,555 in FY 2019-20 for three meetings.

**Tours.** The cost for a committee tour includes legislator per diem and benefits (\$110.50 per member per day), travel costs (\$205 per day for 10 legislators and 4 staff), and van and room rental. The total cost for two, two-day tours in FY 2018-19 is \$18,700.

**Other agencies.** Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill continues current workload for the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado State Forest Service, and other state agencies involved in wildfire prevention that cooperate with and assist the WMRC. No change in appropriations is required.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are estimated to be \$2,929 in FY 2018-19 and \$2,632 in FY 2019-20.

### **Local Government Impact**

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill continues current, minimal workload for local governments that cooperate with and assist the WMRC.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 18, 2018.

### **State Appropriations**

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$49,125 to the Legislative Department, and an allocation of 0.3 FTE for Legislative Council Staff and 0.1 FTE for the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

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

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