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FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor: Sen. Jones; Cooke **Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations
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Bill Topic: CONTINUE THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 an appropriation of \$49,125 in FY 2018-19.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note was revised based on new information. The bill was requested by the Wildfire Matters Review Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB18-039**

		FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Revenue			
Expenditures	General Fund	\$49,125	\$32,610
	Centrally Appropriated	\$2,929	\$2,632
	Total	\$52,054	\$35,242
	Total FTE	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE
Transfers			

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Under current law, the Wildfire Matters Review Committee (WMRC) is repealed on July 1, 2018.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.

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**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Legislative Department		
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
Total Cost	\$52,054	\$35,242
Total FTE	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2018-19, the bill requires 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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