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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. McLachlan; Carver Sen. Fields	Bill Status:	House Appropriations
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Bill Topic: WILDFIRE MITIGATION WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AREAS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill appropriates \$3.0 million to the Department of Higher Education for allocation to the State Forest Service at Colorado State University (CSU) for the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2019-20, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3.0 million.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the strike below amendment adopted by the House Rural Affairs and Agriculture Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 19-1006**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
Revenue			
Expenditures	General Fund	\$3.0 million	
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund	General Fund	-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill includes a legislative declaration stating it is critical that state funding for the State Forest Service Forest Restoration and Wildfire Grant Program at CSU be increased for FY 2019-20, and that grant money be expended on an expedited basis to the greatest extent practicable to support the maximum number of effective forest management fuels reduction projects to reduce the impacts to life, property, and critical infrastructure caused by wildfire.

The bill includes a General Fund Appropriation of \$3.0 million to the Department of Higher Education for allocation to the State Forest Service at CSU.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures for grants by \$3.0 million.

Local Government

Local governments that are eligible to receive grants from the program may also have increased expenditures, if they are awarded grants from this additional source of funds.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

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State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Natural Resources

Higher Education
Public Safety

Municipalities