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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Catlin; McLachlan Sen. Coram	Bill Status: House Rural Affairs
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Bill Topic: REMOTE CAMERA WILDFIRE ALERT PILOT PROGRAM

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 directs the Department of Public Safety to conduct a pilot program using remote cameras to detect wildfires in the wildland-urban interface. It increases state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2020-21, the bill includes an appropriation of \$2.0 million to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 20-1171

		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$2.0 million	-
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology Aerial Firefighting (center) in the Department of Public Safety to implement a pilot program to acquire or contract for remote camera technology to detect wildfires in the wildland-urban interface. The camera system must possess certain capabilities, which are specified in the bill. The center must consult with state and federal government agencies and other stakeholders to determine locations for the cameras. Local governments must provide information, assistance, and site access as needed to allow the center to implement the pilot program.

By August 1, 2021, and each August 1 thereafter, the center must report to the General Assembly on the results of the pilot program, including the value and cost-effectiveness of such a system. The program is repealed September 1, 2024, following a sunset review.

The bill appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to conduct the pilot.

State Expenditures

For FY 2020-21, the bill increases General Fund expenditures in DPS by \$2.0 million. Costs may include acquisition or contracting for a camera system and temporary staff or contractors to design and implement the pilot program and prepare reports to the General Assembly. Workload will increase for other state agencies to collaborate with DPS, including the Department of Natural Resources and Office of Information Technology. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

Similar to state agencies, workload will be required of some local governments to cooperate with the pilot program in providing information, assistance, and site access.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$2.0 million to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Safety