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HOUSE BILL 22-1148

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Catlin and Roberts,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Water
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO**
102 **IMPLEMENT A REMOTE CAMERA WILDFIRE ALERT SYSTEM, AND,**
103 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the Colorado water conservation board (board) to establish one or more remote wildfire camera technology pilot programs. The board must acquire or contract for a system of remote pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated tools to provide a live feed of information that can detect, locate, and confirm ignition in the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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wildland-urban interface. The board must report to the wildfire matters review committee on the system's effectiveness and potential for more widespread use in the state.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1228, **add**
3 **(2.7)** as follows:

4 **24-33.5-1228. Colorado firefighting air corps - creation -**
5 **powers - aircraft acquisitions required - center of excellence -**
6 **unmanned aircraft systems study and pilot program - Colorado**
7 **firefighting air corps fund - creation - report - remote wildfire**
8 **camera technology pilot project - rules - repeal.** (2.7) (a) IN ADDITION
9 TO PERFORMING THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.5)(b) OF
10 THIS SECTION, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
11 SHALL IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE PILOT PROGRAMS USING REMOTE
12 CAMERA TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT, IDENTIFY, OR CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE
13 OF WILDFIRES.

14 (b) TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS, SUBJECT
15 TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL
16 ACQUIRE OR CONTRACT FOR A SYSTEM OF REMOTE PAN-TILT-ZOOM
17 CAMERAS AND ASSOCIATED TOOLS THAT PROVIDE A LIVE FEED OF
18 INFORMATION THAT CAN DISCOVER, LOCATE, AND CONFIRM IGNITION;
19 MONITOR FIRE BEHAVIOR THROUGH CONTAINMENT; PROVIDE ENHANCED
20 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FOR EVACUATION AND FIRE RESPONSE
21 ACTIVITIES; AND ENSURE THAT CONTAINED FIRES ARE MONITORED
22 APPROPRIATELY THROUGH THEIR DEMISE.

23 (c) THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL CONSULT AND
24 COLLABORATE WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER

1 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION AND
2 OPERATION OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM OR
3 PROGRAMS. AGENCIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL
4 PROVIDE INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE, AND SITE ACCESS AS NECESSARY TO
5 ALLOW THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM
6 OR PROGRAMS.

7 (d) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST
8 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL REPORT
9 ON THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS TO THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW
10 COMMITTEE. THE REPORT MUST ANALYZE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
11 THROUGH THE CAMERA SYSTEM AND ITS VALUE IN RESPONDING TO
12 WILDFIRES OR POTENTIAL WILDFIRES, THE SYSTEM'S POTENTIAL FOR MORE
13 WIDESPREAD USE IN COLORADO, AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
14 SYSTEM IN RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES AND POTENTIAL WILDFIRES.
15 NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I),
16 THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.7)(d) CONTINUES
17 FOR THE DURATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

18 (e) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.
19 PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
20 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

21 (f) ON JULY 1, 2022, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWO
22 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO
23 FIREFIGHTING AIR CORPS FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS
24 SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT
25 TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7)(f) FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION
26 (2.7) (a) AND (b) OF THIS SECTION.

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**

1 (27)(a)(XX) as follows:

2 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
3 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
4 **declaration - repeal.** (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
5 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

6 (XX) THE REMOTE WILDFIRE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY PILOT
7 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 37-60-134.

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9 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
10 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.