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Revised Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **REGULATION & SERVICES FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires people to notify their fire department before conducting a controlled burn. It increases state and local expenditures on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2022-23.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Energy and Environment Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1132

		Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$709,989	\$145,981
	Centrally Appropriated	\$31,444	\$36,566
	Total Expenditures	\$741,433	\$182,547
	Total FTE	0.8 FTE	1.0 FTE
Transfers	General Fund	(\$760,000)	(\$185,000)
	Cash Funds	\$760,000	\$185,000
	Net Transfer	\$0	\$0
Other Budget Impacts		-	-

Summary of Legislation

Before conducting a controlled burn, a person must notify their local fire department of the date, time, and location where it will occur. The fire department may determine that its personnel must be on standby at the time of the controlled burn for it to occur.

The bill directs the Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to purchase a mobile driver simulator unit for conducting trainings around the state, transfers money to the Fire Service Education and Training Fund, and makes the transferred money continuously appropriated to the department for operating and staffing the unit.

State Transfers

The bill transfers \$760,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Service Education and Training Fund on the bill's effective date. It transfers an additional \$185,000 each July 1 beginning in 2023.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in CDPS by \$741,433 in FY 2022-23 and \$182,547 in FY 2023-24 from the Fire Service Education and Training Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 22-1132

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Department of Public Safety		
Personal Services	\$61,309	\$73,571
Operating Expenses	\$1,520	\$1,790
Capital Outlay Costs	\$13,420	-
Simulator Unit	\$599,030	\$28,890
Travel Expenses	\$34,710	\$41,730
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$31,444	\$36,566
Total Cost	\$741,433	\$182,547
Total FTE	0.8 FTE	1.0 FTE

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Department of Public Safety. The department requires a simulator unit, associated equipment, and 1.0 FTE firefighter to conduct trainings. Operating and capital outlay costs include standard equipment, additional training equipment, travel expenses based on an estimated 214 days of travel per year. Other capital expenses include the simulator unit, a tow vehicle, and fuel. Personnel and operating costs, including travel, are prorated in FY 2022-23 to reflect the bill's effective date.

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 shown in Table 2.

Local Government

Expenditures will increase in fire departments to review controlled burn notifications and to be on standby for controlled burns as necessary. This workload may be offset to the extent that advanced notice of controlled burns will allow fire departments to more respond more efficiently to calls from the public reporting known controlled burns as a wildfire.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

Money transferred to the Fire Service Education and Training Fund is continuously appropriated to CDPS, and no appropriation is required.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Judicial

Municipalities

Special Districts