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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. McCluskie; Ransom **Bill Status:** House Appropriations
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Bill Topic: LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY RESOURCES

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill transfers \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety to disburse to local governments for firefighter safety equipment and training.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required. Funds in the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Joint Budget Committee as part of its FY 2021-22 supplemental budget package.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 22-1194

		Current Year FY 2021-22	Budget Year FY 2022-23	Out Year FY 2023-24
Revenue			-	-
Expenditures	Cash Funds	\$5.0 million	-	-
	Total Expenditures	\$5.0 million	-	-
Transfers	General Fund	(\$5.0 million)	-	-
	Cash Funds	\$5.0 million	-	-
	Net Transfer	\$0	-	-
Other Budget Impacts			-	-

Summary of Legislation

The transfers \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Fund in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and allows the department to:

- purchase protective equipment for local governments and volunteer fire departments;
- pay for firefighter training to increase safety and prevent occupation-related diseases; and
- reimburse local governments and volunteer fire departments for the costs of protective equipment and training.

The bill allows the DPS to distribute the transferred funds without requiring a grant application and peer review process. If the department is unable to directly spend all the funds, they may use funds for any currently authorized purposes of the firefighter safety grant program.

State Transfers

In the current FY 2021-22, the bill transfers \$5.0 million from the General Fund to the Local Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Fund.

State Expenditures

Beginning in the current FY 2021-22, and continuing into FY 2022-23, the DPS will make direct expenditures up to \$5.0 million for firefighter safety equipment and training for local governments. Some amount of the transferred funds may also be expended as part of the existing grant program.

Local Government

Local governments and fire departments may submit requests for direct payments and reimbursements for firefighter safety equipment and training. These are ongoing expenditures for local governments and the bill provides some state assistance in direct disbursements up to \$5.0 million.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Joint Budget Committee

Public Safety