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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Wildfire Matters Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Acquisition Additional Equipment To Fight Wildfire"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST**
102 **IN FIGHTING WILDFIRES.**

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/>.)

Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill requires the center of excellence for advanced technology aerial firefighting (center of excellence) in the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety to establish a remote camera technology pilot program. The center of excellence must acquire or contract for a system of remote pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated tools to provide a live

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

feed of information that can detect, locate, and confirm ignition in the wildland-urban interface. The center of excellence must report to the wildfire matters review committee on the system's effectiveness and potential for more widespread use in the state.

The division of fire prevention and control must also acquire or contract for 6 additional firefighting aircraft to be located at 6 additional locations as close as practicable to high wildfire hazard areas across 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,
3 **amend** (5)(c); and **add** (2.5)(f) and (5)(d) 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 - remote camera**
7 **technology pilot program - Colorado firefighting air corps fund -**
8 **creation - report - rules - repeal.** (2.5) (f) (I) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1,
9 2021, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM
10 USING REMOTE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT, IDENTIFY, OR CONFIRM
11 THE EXISTENCE OF WILDFIRES IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.

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

21 (B) THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL CONSULT AND

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

7 (III) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2021, AND ON AUGUST 1 OF EACH
8 YEAR THEREAFTER, THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE SHALL REPORT ON THE
9 PILOT PROGRAM TO THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE, OR ANY
10 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE. THE REPORT MUST ANALYZE THE INFORMATION
11 RECEIVED THROUGH THE CAMERA SYSTEM AND ITS VALUE IN RESPONDING
12 TO WILDFIRES OR POTENTIAL WILDFIRES, THE SYSTEM'S POTENTIAL FOR
13 MORE WIDESPREAD USE IN COLORADO, AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF
14 THE 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 (2.5)(f)(III) CONTINUES
17 FOR THE DURATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

18 (IV) THIS SUBSECTION (2.5)(f) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
19 SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE PILOT PROGRAM IS
20 SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

21 (5) (c) In addition to the acquisitions or contracts made pursuant
22 to ~~paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTIONS (5)(a) AND (5)(d) of this ~~subsection (5)~~
23 SECTION, the division may use any appropriations for the Colorado
24 firefighting air corps for the center of excellence described in subsection
25 (2) of this section.

26 (d) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
27 SUBSECTION (5)(d), THE DIVISION SHALL ACQUIRE OR CONTRACT FOR SIX

1 ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT ENCOMPASSING SIX ADDITIONAL
2 LOCATIONS, WHICH MUST BE AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO HIGH WILDFIRE
3 HAZARD AREAS ACROSS THE STATE.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
5 (25)(a)(XXII) as follows:

6 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
7 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
8 **declaration - repeal.** (25) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
9 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2024:

10 (XXII) THE REMOTE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM
11 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-33.5-1228 (2.5)(f).

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