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Bill 1

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: Wildfire Matters Review Committee
Bill Request

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BILL TOPIC: EXTEND WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND MODIFY CHARGE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>\$52,054</u>	<u>\$35,242</u>
General Fund	\$49,125	\$32,610
Centrally Appropriated Costs	\$2,929	\$2,632
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Continuation of current expenditures through FY 2025-26.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Wildfire Matters Review Committee (WMRC) is repealed on July 1, 2018. This bill, ***requested by the WMRC***, continues the committee until September 1, 2025. It also repeals obsolete provisions and requires that the committee consider marketable uses for hazardous fuels in forests, in addition to its current duties.

State Expenditures

The bill continues General Fund expenditures of \$52,054 in FY 2018-19 and \$35,242 in FY 2019-20 in the Legislative Department. Interim committee costs are already accounted for in the budgets of the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) and Legislative Council Staff (LCS). Assuming Legislative Council approves the continuation of the WMRC, no change in appropriations is required. For informational purposes, the costs associated with continuing the WMRC are listed in Table 1 and explained below.

Table 1 Expenditures Under WMRC Bill 1		
Cost Components	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Personal Services - OLLS	\$7,641	\$7,641
FTE - OLLS	0.1 FTE	0.1 FTE
Personal Services - LCS	\$18,414	\$18,414
FTE - LCS	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
Capitol Meetings - legislator travel and per diem	\$4,370	\$6,555
Tours - per diem, travel, and logistics	\$18,700	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs*	\$2,929	\$2,632
TOTAL	\$52,054	\$35,242

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

Assumptions. This analysis assumes that the WMRC will continue with 10 members and that all members will attend all meetings and tours. In FY 2018-19, costs assume two meetings at the Capitol and two, two-day tours. In FY 2019-20, costs assume only three meetings at the Capitol. This is consistent with the committee's meetings and tours during the last two interims. Examining marketable uses for hazardous fuels in forests is not expected to alter the number of committee meetings or tours.

Personal services. OLLS requires 0.1 FTE for an attorney to provide research and bill drafting services to the committee. LCS requires 0.3 FTE for staff, research, and fiscal note support for the committee.

Capitol meetings. The cost for meetings at the State Capitol includes legislator per diem, benefits, and travel reimbursement, which totals \$218.50 per member, per meeting. The total cost is \$4,370 in FY 2018-19 for two meetings and \$6,555 in FY 2019-20 for three meetings.

Tours. The cost for a committee tour includes legislator per diem and benefits (\$110.50 per day), travel costs (\$205 per day for 10 legislators and 4 staff), and van and room rental. The total cost for two, two-day tours in FY 2018-19 is \$18,700.

Other agencies. Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill continues current workload for the Department of Public Safety, the Colorado State Forest Service, and other state agencies involved in wildfire prevention that cooperate with and assist the WMRC. No change in appropriations is required.

Centrally appropriated costs. Certain employee benefits and retirement 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 total \$2,929 in FY 2018-19 and \$2,632 in FY 2019-20.

Local Government Impact

Beginning in FY 2018-19, the bill continues current, minimal workload for local governments that cooperate with and assist the WMRC.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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