

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Water.HB21-1242 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 12, strike "INCENTIVES." and substitute
2 "INCENTIVES, INCLUDING GRANTS. BEFORE PROMULGATING THE RULES,
3 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONVENE A STAKEHOLDER GROUP, INCLUDING
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF
5 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE TOP TEN
6 AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PRODUCED IN COLORADO. THE
7 STAKEHOLDER GROUP SHALL ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER AS TO THE NEEDS
8 OF THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY TO RESPOND TO AND MITIGATE THE
9 IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. FOR THE
10 PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, "BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER" MEANS
11 AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER THAT RECEIVES A MAJORITY OF THE
12 PRODUCER'S ANNUAL INCOME FROM AGRICULTURE, AN AGRICULTURAL
13 PRODUCER THAT SPENDS MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND FORTY HOURS PER
14 YEAR ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, OR A COLORADO
15 BUSINESS THAT PROCESSES AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. EXCEPT FOR A
16 PROGRAM OR SUPPORT ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE TO ADDRESS
17 IMMEDIATE NEEDS AS A RESULT OF DISASTER, INCLUDING WILDFIRE AND
18 DROUGHT, OR A PROGRAM THAT WAS IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2021:

19 (a) A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE MUST BE DESIGNED
20 TO BENEFIT BONA FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED
21 IN AGRICULTURE. GRANTS AWARDED BY THE OFFICE MUST PAY FOR
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICES TO ADDRESS AND MITIGATE THE IMPACTS
23 OF CLIMATE CHANGE OR DROUGHT OR TO PROVIDE DIRECT ADAPTATION
24 SUPPORT FOR IMPACTED AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING
25 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, CONFLICT RESOLUTION ASSISTANCE, AND
26 RISK-MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE. A GRANT AWARD MAY PAY NO MORE THAN
27 FIVE PERCENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED BY A BONA FIDE
28 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER TO IMPLEMENT THE PRACTICES.

29 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE
30 OPENING THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS, MAKE AVAILABLE ON ITS
31 WEBSITE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE GRANT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO
32 BONE FIDE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS;

33 (c) A GRANT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST
34 RECEIVE FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION BEFORE A FINAL AWARD
35 CAN BE ISSUED; AND

36 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE ALL
37 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS. WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER
38 AWARDED A GRANT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE THE
39 NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY RECEIVING A GRANT, THE AMOUNT
40 OF THE GRANT AWARDED, THE PROJECT OR PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY
41 THE GRANT, AND THE DURATION OF THE GRANT AWARD."