

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Energy & Environment.

HB22-1012 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 18 and substitute:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, **amend**  
3 (1.5)(c) and (4)(b)(III); and **add** (4)(b)(V), (4)(b)(VI), and (8.3)(a)(III)(C)  
4 as follows:

5 **23-31-310. Forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation**  
6 **grant program - technical advisory panel - legislative declaration -**  
7 **definitions - repeal.** (1.5) **Legislative declaration.** The general  
8 assembly hereby:

9 (c) Declares that it intends to provide aid and guidance for  
10 catastrophic wildfire risk mitigation and forest health improvements by  
11 authorizing a competitive grant program to:

12 (I) Assist with funding community-level actions across the entire  
13 state that are implemented to protect populations and property in the  
14 wildland-urban interface; ~~and to~~

15 (II) Promote forest health and the utilization of woody material,  
16 including traditional forest products and biomass energy;

17 (III) HELP COMMUNITIES WITH FORESTED AREAS PREVENT AND  
18 RECOVER FROM WILDFIRE INCIDENTS BY REMOVING DEAD TREES AND  
19 OTHER POTENTIAL FUEL AS WELL AS DEBRIS THAT HAS RESULTED FROM AN  
20 INCIDENT OF WILDFIRE OR INSECT INFESTATION; AND

21 (IV) ENSURE THAT EFFORTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
22 (1.5)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION ARE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT  
23 MINIMIZES THE AMOUNT OF CARBON THAT ENTERS THE ATMOSPHERE.

24 (4) **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible to receive funding  
25 under this section, a project must:

26 (b) Address one or more of the following objectives for the  
27 purpose of protecting water supplies:

28 (III) Replanting NATIVE trees in deforested areas if such areas  
29 exist in the proposed project area; ~~and~~

30 (V) REDUCING POST-FIRE SOIL EROSION THROUGH THE USE OF  
31 AERIAL MULCHING, SEEDING WITH NATIVE SEED MIXES, AND RELATED  
32 ACTIONS; OR

33 (VI) PROMOTING THE RECOVERY OF FORESTED LANDS FROM  
34 WILDFIRE INCIDENTS BY REMOVING DEAD TREES IN AREAS WITH SAFETY  
35 CONCERNS ARISING FROM THE AREAS' PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITIES,  
36 ROADS, TRAILS, OR STRUCTURES.

37 (8.3) **Grant program.** (a) The forest service shall develop and  
38 administer the program in consultation with the technical advisory panel  
39 created in subsection (5) of this section. In developing the program, the

- 1 forest service shall:
- 2 (III) Require a grant applicant to demonstrate that:
- 3 (C) FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT TO REMOVE DEAD TREES NEAR
- 4 COMMUNITIES, ROADS, TRAILS, OR STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
- 5 (4)(b)(VI) OF THIS SECTION, AREAS OF SALVAGE AND EXCLUSIONS FROM
- 6 SALVAGE ARE IDENTIFIED BASED ON ECOLOGICAL DATA, TAKING INTO
- 7 ACCOUNT SITE-SPECIFIC FEATURES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE
- 8 PRESERVATION OF KEY BIODIVERSITY ATTRIBUTES ARE CREATED THAT
- 9 ENSURE ADEQUATE RIPARIAN BUFFERS AND MITIGATE SOIL AND FOREST
- 10 RECOVERY DISTURBANCES FROM THE TREE REMOVAL PROCESS.".
- 11 Strike pages 3 through 5.
- 12 Page 6, strike lines 1 through 9.
- 13 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.
- 14 Page 1, strike lines 101 through 103 and substitute "**CONCERNING**
- 15 **HEALTHY FORESTS.**".

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