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HOUSE BILL 26-1184

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE COLORADO FOREST HEALTH**
102 **COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, IMPLEMENTING**
103 **THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY**
104 **AGENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 2025 SUNSET REPORT.**

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/>.)

Sunset Process - House Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee. The bill indefinitely continues the Colorado forest health council.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 21, 2026

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
March 23, 2026

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 20, 2026

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal**
3 ~~(17)(a)(IV); and add (24)(a)(II);~~ as follows:

4 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
5 **declaration - definition - repeal.**

6 (17) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
7 advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2026:

8 ~~(IV) The Colorado forest health council created in section~~
9 ~~23-31-316;~~

10 (24) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
11 advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2033:

12 (II) ~~THE COLORADO FOREST HEALTH COUNCIL CREATED IN~~
13 ~~SECTION 23-31-316;~~

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-316, **amend**
15 ~~(3)(a) introductory portion, (3)(a)(I) introductory portion, _____~~
16 ~~(3)(a)(II)(N), and (7); repeal (3)(a)(III); and add (3)(a)(G)~~ as follows:

17 **23-31-316. Colorado forest health council - legislative**
18 **declaration.**

19 (3) **Membership.**

20 (a) The council consists of the following ~~twenty-six~~ TWENTY-FIVE
21 members:

22 (I) The following ex officio members or ~~there~~ THEIR designees:

23 (G) THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE OR THE
24 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE; AND

25 (II) The following members appointed by the governor:

26 (N) One member who is employed by or associated with an

1 organization that advocates for motorized recreation; and
2 (O) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
3 WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION BOARD, CREATED IN
4 SECTION 35-70-103, OR WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A CONSERVATION
5 DISTRICT, CREATED UNDER ARTICLE 70 OF ARTICLE 35.

6 ~~(III) Two members of the general assembly, including a majority~~
7 ~~and minority representative from the wildfire matters review committee,~~
8 ~~one appointed by the president of the senate and one appointed by the~~
9 ~~speaker of the house of representatives;~~

10 (7) **Repeal.** This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2026
11 SEPTEMBER 1, 2033. Before the repeal, this section is scheduled for
12 review in accordance with section 2-3-1203.

13 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
16 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.