

CHAPTER 354

NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL 26-1184

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also SENATOR(S) Cutter and Marchman, Gonzales J., Kipp, Kolker, Roberts, Snyder, Wallace, Coleman.

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23-31-316. Colorado forest health council - legislative declaration.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(3) Membership.

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

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

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

(II) The following members appointed by the governor:

(N) One member who is employed by or associated with an organization that advocates for motorized recreation; and

(O) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD SUPERVISOR, ELECTED UNDER SECTION 35-70-107, OR WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A CONSERVATION DISTRICT, CREATED UNDER ARTICLE 70 OF ARTICLE 35.

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

(7) **Repeal.** This section is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2033.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

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

Approved: June 3, 2026