After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB21-1281 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 8, before line 20 insert:

"SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, $529,801 is appropriated to the department of public health and environment for use by the office of emergency preparedness and response. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the office will require an additional 1.8 FTE. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for state directed emergency preparedness and response activities.".

Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

Page 1, line 106, strike "STATE." and substitute "STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.".

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