

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 10, 2022

Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

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

SB22-080 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 9.

2 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

3 Page 2, strike lines 24 through 26.

4 Strike page 3 and substitute:

5 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-33.5-1236
6 as follows:

7 **24-33.5-1236. Fire origin and cause investigation fund -**
8 **created.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE
9 FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE INVESTIGATION FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS
10 SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE FUND CONSISTS OF ANY MONEY THAT MAY
11 BE APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ALL PRIVATE
12 AND PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS
13 THAT ARE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND CREDITED TO THE
14 FUND, AND MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
15 (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST
16 AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN
17 THE FUND TO THE FUND. THE MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY
18 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS
19 SECTION.

20 (2) THE DIVISION SHALL USE THE MONEY IN THE FUND TO:

21 (a) FUND STATE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SUPPORT TO
22 LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF
23 FIRES;

24 (b) REIMBURSE FIRE INVESTIGATORS WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY

1 THE DIVISION BUT ARE ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION AND COORDINATION
2 OF THE DIVISION AT AN ESTABLISHED RATE FOR ASSISTING IN FIRE CAUSE
3 AND ORIGIN INVESTIGATIONS OUTSIDE OF JURISDICTION;
4 (c) ENSURE FIRE ORIGIN AND CAUSE DATA IS ACCURATELY
5 COLLECTED, ANALYZED, AND DISSEMINATED; AND
6 (d) UTILIZE THE DATA COLLECTED AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION
7 TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PREVENT OR MITIGATE FUTURE FIRES.
8 (3) THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO
9 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.
10 (4) ON JULY 1, 2022, AND ON EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, , THE
11 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THREE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
12 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND FOR USE BY THE DIVISION AS SET FORTH IN
13 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
14 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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