

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 11, 2023
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB23-005 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report, dated
2 January 26, 2023, page 1, strike lines 4 through 6 and substitute:

3 "Page 7 of the bill, strike lines 23 through 26 and substitute:

4 "(k) THE RECRUITMENT OF WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION AND
5 MITIGATION EDUCATORS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-81-102.".

6 Page 2 of the report, strike lines 2 through 4 and substitute:

7 "Page 9 of the bill, after line 6 insert:

8 "(b) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A STATE
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 23-18-102
10 (10)(a), A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, OR AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.".

11 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.".

12 Page 2 of the report, after line 5 insert "Page 9 of the bill, line 10, strike
13 "AN EXISTING FORESTRY PROGRAM" and substitute "EXISTING FORESTRY
14 PROGRAMS".

15 Page 2 of the report, line 6, strike "UP TO TWO".

16 Page 2 of the report, line 7, strike "STATE" and substitute "PUBLIC".

17 Page 2 of the report, after line 8 insert "Page 9 of the bill, lines 13 and 14,
18 strike "A FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-18-308

1 (1)(k)." and substitute "GRANTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION."

2 Page 2 of the report, strike lines 9 and 10 and substitute "Page 9 of the
3 bill, line 16, strike "THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACTS" and substitute
4 "GRANTS".

5 Page 9 of the bill, line 18, strike "FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT" and
6 substitute "GRANT".

7 Page 2 of the report, line 12, strike "STATE" and substitute "PUBLIC".

8 Page 2 of the report, line 14, strike ""STATE" and substitute ""PUBLIC".

9 Page 2 of the report, line 19, strike "STATE" and substitute "PUBLIC".

10 Page 3 of the report, after line 2 insert "Page 13 of the bill, line 23, strike
11 "MONEY" and substitute "GRANTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-18-308
12 (1)(k)".

13 Strike page 15 of the bill and substitute:

14 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-103, **amend**
15 (5); and **add** (12), (13), and (14) as follows:

16 **23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal.** (5) The provisions
17 of subsection (1) of this section concerning appropriations for student
18 financial assistance under this article 3.3 shall not apply to appropriations
19 made to the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation grant program
20 cash fund created in section 23-31-301 (8.5)(a) OR THE HEALTHY FORESTS
21 AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES FUND CREATED IN SECTION 23-31-313 (10).

22 (12) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
23 CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
24 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 3.3 SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR
25 THE TIMBER, FOREST HEALTH, AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION INDUSTRIES
26 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-31-320.

27 (13) (a) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
28 CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
29 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 3.3 SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR
30 THE EXPANSION OF FORESTRY AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION DEGREE AND
31 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-142.

32 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (13) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

33 (14) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
34 CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
35 UNDER THIS ARTICLE 3.3 SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR

1 THE RECRUITMENT OF WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION
2 EDUCATORS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-81-102.

3 **SECTION 8. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal
4 year, \$15,000 is appropriated to the healthy forests and vibrant
5 communities fund created in section 23-31-313 (10), C.R.S. This
6 appropriation is from the general fund. The department of higher
7 education is responsible for the accounting related to this appropriation.

8 (2) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$1,545,034 is appropriated
9 to the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the
10 general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this
11 appropriation as follows:

12 (a) \$114,384 for the Colorado state forest service at Colorado
13 state university

14 (b) \$1,180,650 for use by the Colorado commission on higher
15 education for new and expanded forestry programs; and

16 (c) \$250,000 for the college opportunity fund program to be used
17 for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with state institutions.

18 (3) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$250,000 is appropriated to
19 the department of higher education. This appropriation is from
20 reappropriated funds received from the limited purpose fee-for-service
21 contracts with state institutions under subsection (2)(c) of this section. To
22 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the
23 state board for community colleges and occupational education state
24 system colleges.

25 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."."

28 Page 3 of the report, strike line 5 and substitute:

29 "PROGRAMS;".

30 Page 2 of the bill, strike line 103 and substitute "EDUCATORS; AND
31 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."."

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