

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 6, 2023
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

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

SB23-161 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1228, add
4 (3)(c)(IV) as follows:

5 **24-33.5-1228. Colorado firefighting air corps - creation -**
6 **powers - aircraft acquisitions required - center of excellence -**
7 **unmanned aircraft systems study and pilot program - Colorado**
8 **firefighting air corps fund - creation - report - rules.**

9 (3) (c) (IV) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE
10 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWENTY-SIX MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
11 GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO FIREFIGHTING AIR CORPS FUND
12 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL USE
13 THE MONEY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c)(IV) FOR
14 THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A FIRE HAWK HELICOPTER CONFIGURED FOR
15 WILDFIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE NEEDS.

16 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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