

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 4, 2024
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

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

HB24-1309 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 7, strike lines 6 through 15 and substitute:
- 2 **"SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-120 as
3 follows:
- 4 **24-33.5-120. Airspace deconfliction working group - search**
5 **and rescue - repeal.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE
6 AIRSPACE DECONFLICTION WORKING GROUP, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION
7 AS THE "WORKING GROUP".
- 8 (2) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
9 SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE WORKING GROUP:
- 10 (a) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT;
- 11 (b) IN COORDINATION WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COUNTY
12 SHERIFFS OF COLORADO, TWO COUNTY SHERIFFS WITH EXPERIENCE IN
13 CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND
- 14 (c) IN COORDINATION WITH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, CREATED IN SECTION
16 24-1-127, TWO MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
17 VETERANS AFFAIRS.
- 18 (3) (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CALL THE FIRST MEETING
19 OF THE WORKING GROUP.
- 20 (b) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AS NECESSARY TO
21 ESTABLISH AIRSPACE DECONFLICTION GUIDELINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
22 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.
- 23 (4) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, THE WORKING GROUP
24 SHALL ESTABLISH AIRSPACE DECONFLICTION GUIDELINES RELATED TO
25 SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.
- 26 (b) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL ENSURE THAT THE AIRSPACE
27 DECONFLICTION GUIDELINES ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED

1 IN AERIAL SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

2 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND NOTICE TO ALL RELEVANT
3 ENTITIES, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THAT AIRSPACE
4 DECONFLICTION GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND PUBLISH THE
5 GUIDELINES ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

6 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026."

7 Page 7, strike lines 26 and 27 and substitute "AIRSPACE DECONFLICTION
8 GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-120 WHEN
9 THERE COULD".

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