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STATE OF COLORADO

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 18-0237.01 Bob Lackner x4350

**SENATE BILL 18-039**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND, IN**  
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, DEFERRING THE DATE ON WHICH THE**  
103 **COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO REPEAL AND MAKING AN**  
104 **APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Wildfire Matters Review Committee.** The wildfire matters review committee (WMRC) is currently scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2018. The bill defers the repeal date to September 1, 2025.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 12, 2018

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 11, 2018

The bill also eliminates obsolete provisions relating to the WMRC's consideration of codifying the wildland and prescribed fire advisory commission, an entity created by executive order. The WMRC discharged its obligation by considering this issue during the 2014 legislative session.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1602, **amend** (7);  
3 **repeal** (1.5); and **add** (4.5) as follows:

4           **2-3-1602. Wildfire matters review committee - creation -**  
5 **repeal of part.** (1.5) ~~(a) In 2014, in addition to any other matters it~~  
6 ~~considers, the committee shall consider the creation of a Colorado~~  
7 ~~wildland and prescribed fire advisory commission under the division of~~  
8 ~~fire prevention and control in the department of public safety, also~~  
9 ~~referred to in this subsection (1.5) as the "advisory commission". The~~  
10 ~~purpose of the advisory commission will be to assist the director of the~~  
11 ~~division of fire prevention and control in performing his or her duties.~~  
12 ~~The committee shall make specific findings and recommendations~~  
13 ~~regarding the appropriate composition of the advisory commission, length~~  
14 ~~of terms, and the types of expertise and interests that should be~~  
15 ~~represented.~~

16           ~~(b) On or before December 1, 2014, the committee shall submit~~  
17 ~~its specific recommendations pertaining to the advisory commission to the~~  
18 ~~agriculture, livestock, and natural resources committee of the house of~~  
19 ~~representatives and the agriculture, natural resources, and energy~~  
20 ~~committee of the senate, or any successor committees. Nothing in this~~  
21 ~~paragraph (b) prevents the committee from proposing legislation~~  
22 ~~regarding the creation of the advisory commission.~~

23           ~~(c) Repealed.~~

1           (4.5) THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND UP TO A TOTAL OF FIVE  
2           BILLS DURING EACH INTERIM. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE  
3           COMMITTEE MUST BE TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN  
4           INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE DEADLINES, BILL  
5           INTRODUCTION LIMITS, AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE  
6           JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

7           (7) This part 16 is repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2018~~ SEPTEMBER 1,  
8           2025.

9           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2018-19 state fiscal  
10          year, \$49,125 is appropriated to the legislative department. This  
11          appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
12          department may use this appropriation as follows:

13                 (a) \$41,484 for use by the legislative council, which amount is  
14                 based on an assumption that the legislative council will require an  
15                 additional 0.3FTE; and

16                 (b) \$7,641 for use by the office of legislative legal services, which  
17                 amount is based on an assumption that the office will require an  
18                 additional 0.1 FTE.

19           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20          determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21          preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.