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**BILL 1**

LLS NO. 22-0187.01 Megan Waples x4348

**INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**Wildfire Matters Review Committee**

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**BILL TOPIC: "Wildfire Camera Pilot Program"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO**  
102 **IMPLEMENT A REMOTE CAMERA WILDFIRE ALERT SYSTEM, AND,**  
103 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN 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 bill requires the Colorado water conservation board (board) to establish one or more remote camera technology pilot programs. The board must acquire or contract for a system of remote pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated tools to provide a live feed of information that can detect, locate, and

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

confirm ignition in the wildland-urban interface. The board must report to the wildfire matters review committee on the system's effectiveness and potential for more widespread use in the state.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-60-134 as  
3 follows:

4 **37-60-134. Wildfire camera pilot project.** (1) ON OR BEFORE  
5 APRIL 1, 2023, THE BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE PILOT  
6 PROGRAMS USING REMOTE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT, IDENTIFY,  
7 OR CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF WILDFIRES IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN  
8 INTERFACE.

9 (2) TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS, SUBJECT  
10 TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE BOARD SHALL ACQUIRE OR  
11 CONTRACT FOR A SYSTEM OF REMOTE PAN-TILT-ZOOM CAMERAS AND  
12 ASSOCIATED TOOLS THAT PROVIDE A LIVE FEED OF INFORMATION THAT  
13 CAN DISCOVER, LOCATE, AND CONFIRM IGNITION; MONITOR FIRE BEHAVIOR  
14 THROUGH CONTAINMENT; PROVIDE ENHANCED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS  
15 FOR EVACUATION AND FIRE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES; AND ENSURE  
16 CONTAINED FIRES ARE MONITORED APPROPRIATELY THROUGH THEIR  
17 DEMISE.

18 (3) THE BOARD SHALL CONSULT AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHER  
19 STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIRE  
20 SERVICE TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE CAMERA  
21 SYSTEM FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS. AGENCIES OF STATE AND  
22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE, AND  
23 SITE ACCESS AS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THE  
24 PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS.

1           (4) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023, AND ON AUGUST 1 OF EACH  
2 YEAR THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT ON THE PILOT PROGRAM OR  
3 PROGRAMS TO THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE, OR ANY  
4 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE. THE REPORT MUST ANALYZE THE INFORMATION  
5 RECEIVED THROUGH THE CAMERA SYSTEM AND ITS VALUE IN RESPONDING  
6 TO WILDFIRES OR POTENTIAL WILDFIRES, THE SYSTEM'S POTENTIAL FOR  
7 MORE WIDESPREAD USE IN COLORADO, AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF  
8 THE SYSTEM IN RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES AND POTENTIAL WILDFIRES.  
9 NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I),  
10 THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) CONTINUES FOR THE  
11 DURATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

12           (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.  
13 PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

15           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**  
16 (27)(a)(XVIII) as follows:

17           **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
18 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
19 **declaration - repeal.** (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
20 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

21           (XVIII) THE REMOTE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM  
22 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 37-60-134.

23           **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,  
24 \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use  
25 by the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the  
26 general fund. To implement this act, the board may use this appropriation  
27 for the remote camera technology pilot program.

1           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.