

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**BILL D**

LLS NO. 23-0144.01 Sarah Lozano x3858

**HOUSE BILL**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Story**, Danielson, Jaquez Lewis

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**House Committees**

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING UPDATES TO THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE**  
102      **SEEDLING TREE NURSERY.**

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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 state forest service to make certain upgrades and improvements to its seedling tree nursery in order to expand its capacity and its ability to contribute to reforestation efforts in the state. The general assembly is required to appropriate money to the Colorado state university system for the 2023-24 state fiscal year for allocation to the state forest service.

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.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-319, **amend**  
3 (6) and (8); and **add** (2.5), (3.5), and (4.5) as follows:

4           **23-31-319. Forest service seedling tree nursery - necessary**  
5 **upgrades and improvements - definition - funding - reports - repeal.**

6 (2.5) **Field upgrades.** TO UPGRADE THE FIELDS WHERE THE NURSERY  
7 GROWS BARE-ROOT TREES AND SHRUBS, THE NURSERY SHALL:

8           (a) INSTALL A NEW PUMP AND PUMP HOUSE;

9           (b) OVERHAUL THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM; AND

10           (c) GRADE AND IMPROVE THE ROADS TO AND WITHIN THE FIELDS.

11           (3.5) **Seed storage cooler.** TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY, SECURITY,  
12 AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF SEED STORAGE, THE NURSERY SHALL  
13 PURCHASE A NEW SEED STORAGE COOLER.

14           (4.5) **Delivery trucks.** TO IMPROVE THE TIMELINESS OF  
15 DELIVERIES AND ELIMINATE THE COST OF RENTING DELIVERY TRUCKS, THE  
16 NURSERY SHALL PURCHASE TWO REFRIGERATED BOX TRUCKS.

17           (6) **Appropriation.** For the ~~2022-23~~ 2023-24 state fiscal year, the  
18 general assembly shall appropriate money to the Colorado state university  
19 system for allocation to and expenditure by the Colorado state forest  
20 service to fund improvements to the nursery AND to hire professional  
21 staff. ~~and to conduct the capacity, expertise, and infrastructure analysis as~~  
22 ~~specified in subsection (5) of this section.~~

23           (8) **Repeal.** This section is repealed, effective January 1, ~~2025~~  
24 2026.

25           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
2 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
3 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
4 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
5 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.