

SB19-019**County Fireworks Restrictions****Create Flexibility in County Regulatory Ability to Set Restrictions on
Fireworks During Times of High Fire Danger**

Sponsors: Sen Fields/Rep. Gray

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Both sides agreed to two conceptual changes:

1. The first is that when counties impose a ban, they provide localized evidence as part of the competent evidence that must be proven to put a ban into effect. The part of L.001 that amends page 2, line 15 of the bill makes that change and both counties and the industry agree to it.
2. The second agreement is around the concept that counties should commit to consider lifting a ban if it can be proven that the conditions that led to the ban have changed. While both sides agree to that concept, they had some difficulty coming up with language that implements that concept while recognizing difficulties if time runs out before the 4th of July. The language in the part of the amendment that amends page 3, line 6 of the bill is designed to implement this agreement. While the counties support that part of the language, I understand that the industry has some concerns with the term, "endeavor to" and would like to continue discussing it, but they are not opposed to the bill if it is amended by L.001.

I hope the committee will adopt the amendment and pass the bill.