

HB1006\_L.001

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Rural Affairs & Agriculture.

HB19-1006 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, **amend**  
4 (1.5)(a)(II) and (1.5)(a)(III); and **add** (1.5)(a)(IV) and (8.8) as follows:

5 **23-31-310. Forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation**  
6 **grant program - legislative declaration - technical advisory panel -**  
7 **definitions - repeal.** (1.5) **Legislative declaration.** The general  
8 assembly hereby:

9 (a) Finds that:

10 (II) Damaging wildfires occur regularly in Colorado due in part  
11 to fire suppression efforts and drought, the result of which are unhealthy,  
12 fire-prone forests; ~~and~~

13 (III) Colorado has experienced a significant increase in damaging  
14 wildfires that have destroyed homes, property, and other essential  
15 community infrastructure; AND

16 (IV) THE RISKS TO HUMAN LIFE AND SAFETY FROM CATASTROPHIC  
17 WILDFIRES MAY ARISE IN AREAS REPRESENTED BY HOMEOWNER  
18 ASSOCIATIONS AND FORMAL OR INFORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS.  
19 THESE RISKS ACCRUE TO BOTH RESIDENTS WITHIN THESE ASSOCIATIONS  
20 AND FIREFIGHTERS WITHIN THE WUI.

21 (8.8) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ANY  
22 ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2019-2020  
23 STATE FISCAL YEAR TO THE FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5)(a) OF THIS  
24 SECTION BE EXPENDED EXCLUSIVELY ON GRANTS TO ENABLE HOMEOWNER  
25 ASSOCIATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO UNDERTAKE FOREST  
26 MANAGEMENT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS TO  
27 LIFE, PROPERTY, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CAUSED BY WILDFIRE.

28 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-20 state fiscal year,  
29 \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education for  
30 allocation to the board of governors of the Colorado state university  
31 system to be deposited into the forest restoration and wildfire risk  
32 mitigation grant program cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5),  
33 C.R.S., for the use of the forest restoration and wildfire risk mitigation  
34 grant program created in section 23-31-310, C.R.S. This appropriation is  
35 from the general fund.

36 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
37 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
38 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
39 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
40 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
4 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

6 Page 1, strike lines 103 through 105 and substitute "CONNECTION  
7 THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT THE  
8 EXISTING FOREST RESTORATION AND WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION  
9 GRANT PROGRAM ALSO FUND PROJECTS TO ENCOURAGE FUELS  
10 MITIGATION EFFORTS BY HOMEOWNER AND NEIGHBORHOOD  
11 ASSOCIATIONS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION."

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