

House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
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HB23-1273 Creation Of Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant Program
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Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Michael White For themselves	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing in support of HB23-1273.</p> <p>We lost our home in the Marshall Fire and the critical decision of rebuilding was a difficult one.</p> <p>The most difficult factor being if we are unwisely putting ourselves back into a dangerous situation.</p> <p>As we all know, climate change is fueling increased wildfires throughout the West. While we all can do much to reduce our carbon footprints, we also need to adapt to what we have already done as a society in affecting the environment.</p> <p>One of those ways is making our homes less prone to burning and less likely to fuel wildfires. However, with increases in home costs, some homeowners are reluctant to add simple WUI building enhancements when they are already stretched thin in their household budgets.</p> <p>This bill would provide funding for many simple and cost effective ways to lower risk. While there is no single silver bullet to prevent wildfires, the totality of these measures will surely lower the risk in a way that can have massive impacts that dwarf the meager financial costs of this bill.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Michael White</p>