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Bill 8

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s):

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Bill Status: Wildfire Matters Review Interim
Committee Bill Request
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BILL TOPIC: USE BROADCAST BURNS PROMOTE WATERSHED RESTORATION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) in the Colorado State University works to improve the health and sustainability of the state's forested land. The CSFS administers several projects and programs related to forest health, wildfire risk mitigation and planning, and watershed restoration.

This bill, *recommended by the Wildfire Matters Review Committee*, adds broadcast burning to the types of projects and methods for which the CSFS may award grants from the Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Cash Fund, and the Forest Restoration Program Cash Fund.

State Expenditures

The bill does not increase state expenditures. Appropriations to the CSFS are not changed by the bill, and no additional workload is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

The bill expands the criteria by which the CSFS may award grants from two program funds that the forest service administers; the bill therefore has a local government impact by expanding the types of projects that may be funded.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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