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Sen. Renfroe**Bill Status:** Signed into Law**Fiscal Analyst:** Sara McPhee (303-866-4782)

TITLE: CONCERNING CONTROLLED AGRICULTURAL BURNS IN ARSON CASES.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill states that it is not considered fourth degree arson if a person starts a fire as a controlled agricultural burn in a reasonably cautious manner and no one is injured or dies as a result. Controlled agricultural burn is defined as a farming technique used to clear the land of crop residue, weeds, or fuel buildup. The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on April 15, 2010.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It could result in fewer arson charges; however, the reduction in cases is expected to be low and will not be enough to justify a reduction in court staff. In the past three years, no one has been sentenced to the Department of Corrections for arson as the result of an agricultural burn.

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