

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 15-1017**

First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

Wildfire Matters Review Committee. The bill enacts the "Volunteer Fire Department Organization Act". To assist areas that currently lack full-time fire protection services, the bill sets forth the framework to establish and maintain volunteer fire departments recognized by the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety. *The bill clarifies that it does not prohibit a private entity from organizing, training, or equipping itself as a private fire department or providing fire protection services.* The bill also makes available grants for technical and funding assistance for the establishment of volunteer fire departments recognized by the division.

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