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HOUSE BILL 15-1304

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Willett and Lebsock,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PLAN TO STUDY THE AVAILABLE BEAR MANAGEMENT
102 TOOLS YEAR ROUND TO ADDRESS BEAR-HUMAN CONFLICTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill instructs the division of parks and wildlife to study the management of black bears to avoid bear-human conflicts and enhance public safety. The division of wildlife will report to the agriculture, livestock, and natural resources committee of the house of representatives and the agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee of the senate.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-9-110 as
3 follows:

4 **33-9-110. Black bears - methods to address bear-human**
5 **conflicts - study - report - repeal.** (1) THE DIVISION SHALL GATHER
6 INFORMATION ABOUT, CONSIDER, AND EVALUATE ALL AVAILABLE
7 MANAGEMENT TOOLS TO ENHANCE THE DIVISION'S ABILITY TO PROPERLY
8 MANAGE BLACK BEAR POPULATIONS YEAR ROUND TO ADDRESS
9 BEAR-HUMAN CONFLICTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THE DIVISION SHALL
10 REPORT ITS FINDINGS BY DECEMBER 31, 2015, TO THE AGRICULTURE,
11 LIVESTOCK, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
13 ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

14 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
18 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.