

**First Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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on Second Reading in the Second House*

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**HOUSE BILL 15-1304**

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**Willett and Lebsock,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Balmer and Scott,**

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**House Committees**

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

**Senate Committees**

Local Government

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**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.*

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 23, 2015

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
April 7, 2015

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 6, 2015

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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.