

JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CONCERNING FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO WILDFIRE.

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Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 4/18/13.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
L.001	Bill Sponsor amendment - does not change fiscal impact

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill neither requires nor contains an appropriation clause for FY 2013-14. Moneys in the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund and in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

L.001 Bill Sponsor amendment **L.001** (attached) specifies that the \$500,000 transfer from insurance premium taxes to the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund in FY 2013-14 occur no later than July 1, 2013.

Points to Consider

General Fund Impact

The Joint Budget Committee has proposed a budget package for FY 2013-14 based on the March 2013 Office of State Planning and Budgeting revenue forecast. The budget package allocates all but approximately \$9.0 million of General Fund revenues projected to be available. Pursuant to S.B. 13-236, this \$9.0 million General Fund will be transferred to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Construction Fund. This bill transfers \$500,000 in insurance premium taxes revenues for

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FY 2013-14 that would otherwise be credited to the General Fund and thus will reduce the transfer to the CWCBC Construction Fund by that amount.

Background

The Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note states that there is no dedicated source of funding for the Wildfire Emergency Response Fund (WERF) and that in 2002 and 2008, \$240,250 and \$250,000 were reappropriated to the WERF from the Disaster Emergency Fund and the Wildfire Preparedness Fund. In addition to these amounts, Section 24-33.5-706 (2) (b) (I), C.R.S., allowed the Governor to make a one-time transfer of up to \$600,000 from the Disaster Emergency Fund to the WERF and in FY 2012-13, as part of supplemental funding for the Department of Public Safety, \$608,200 General Fund was appropriated to the Division of Fire Prevention and Control to cover expenditures incurred by the WERF during the 2012 fire season.