

UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 14-046

Second Regular Session - Sixty-ninth 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. Until July 1, 2013, the wildfire preparedness fund received an annual \$3.25 million transfer from the mineral leasing fund; last year the general assembly substituted a portion of insurance premium taxes as the source of revenues for this fund.

Section 1 of the bill directs the state treasurer to annually transfer, for 5 2 state fiscal years, \$3.25 million from the mineral leasing fund to a newly created local firefighter safety fund.

Section 2:

- ! Creates the local firefighter safety and disease prevention fund and uses it for a need-based grant program to provide funding or reimbursement to local government governing bodies for equipment and training designed to increase firefighter safety and prevent occupation-related diseases;
- ! Directs the director of the division of fire safety and control to promulgate rules governing the award of the grants, including consideration of the recommendations of the fire service training, certification, and firefighter safety advisory board and the governing body's other fund-raising efforts; and
- ! Allows the division to expend up to 3% per year from the fund for its direct and indirect costs in administering the grant program.