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HOUSE BILL 22-1148

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Catlin and Roberts,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Water

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO
102 IMPLEMENT A REMOTE CAMERA WILDFIRE ALERT SYSTEM, AND,
103 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the Colorado water conservation board (board) to establish one or more remote wildfire camera technology pilot programs. The board must acquire or contract for a system of remote pan-tilt-zoom cameras and associated tools to provide a live feed of information that can detect, locate, and confirm ignition in the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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wildland-urban interface. The board must report to the wildfire matters review committee on the system's effectiveness and potential for more widespread use in the state.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 37-60-134 as follows:

37-60-134. Remote wildfire camera technology pilot project - report - repeal. (1) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023, THE BOARD SHALL IMPLEMENT ONE OR MORE PILOT PROGRAMS USING REMOTE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT, IDENTIFY, OR CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF WILDFIRES IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.

(2) TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE BOARD SHALL ACQUIRE OR CONTRACT FOR A SYSTEM OF REMOTE PAN-TILT-ZOOM CAMERAS AND ASSOCIATED TOOLS THAT PROVIDE A LIVE FEED OF INFORMATION THAT CAN DISCOVER, LOCATE, AND CONFIRM IGNITION; MONITOR FIRE BEHAVIOR THROUGH CONTAINMENT; PROVIDE ENHANCED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FOR EVACUATION AND FIRE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES; AND ENSURE THAT CONTAINED FIRES ARE MONITORED APPROPRIATELY THROUGH THEIR DEMISE.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL CONSULT AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS. AGENCIES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE, AND SITE ACCESS AS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS.

1 (4) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE AUGUST
2 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT ON THE PILOT
3 PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS TO THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE.
4 THE REPORT MUST ANALYZE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THE
5 CAMERA SYSTEM AND ITS VALUE IN RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES OR
6 POTENTIAL WILDFIRES, THE SYSTEM'S POTENTIAL FOR MORE WIDESPREAD
7 USE IN COLORADO, AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM IN
8 RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES AND POTENTIAL WILDFIRES.
9 NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I),
10 THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) CONTINUES FOR THE
11 DURATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

12 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.
13 PRIOR TO THE REPEAL, THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
16 (27)(a)(XX) as follows:

17 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
18 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
19 **declaration - repeal.** (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
20 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

21 (XX) THE REMOTE WILDFIRE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY PILOT
22 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 37-60-134.

23 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,
24 \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use
25 by the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the
26 general fund. To implement this act, the board may use this appropriation
27 for the remote wildfire camera technology pilot program.

1 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.