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Bill Title: Relating to wildfire risk reduction; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Forestry

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of the State Fire marshal	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	-	-

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) is to establish a neighborhood protection cooperative grant program to promote wildfire resilience within communities. The Neighborhood Protection Cooperative Grant Program Fund is established; any moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to DSFM for the purpose of carrying out the cooperative grant program. The measure appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund for deposit into the new fund. The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is required to develop an implementation plan for a homeowner insurance risk reduction certification program, in consultation with the insurance industry, DSFM, and the Department of Forestry. The measure requires DCBS to submit a preliminary report on the implementation plan to legislative committees relating to natural resources.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is \$5,000,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, which reflects the appropriation established for DSFM.

Department of the State Fire Marshal

The measure appropriates \$5,000,000 General Fund to DSFM for deposit into the Neighborhood Protection Cooperative Grant Program Fund for program grants. DSFM is required to use this funding for awarding grants to local governments, organizations related to fire districts, and nongovernmental organizations for the purpose of awarding grants to property owners to promote wildfire resilience pursuant to criteria determined by the State Fire Marshal. The grant administration workload can be absorbed by current staffing.

DSFM’s budget will need an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation to expend the funding deposited in the Neighborhood Protection Cooperative Grant Program Fund.

Other entities

This measure is anticipated to have no or minimal impact for the Department of Forestry and the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

DCBS is required to submit a report to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources regarding the plan for implementing a homeowner insurance risk reduction certification program by December 1, 2024.

The deadline for DSFM to publish the neighborhood protection cooperative grant program criteria is January 1, 2025.

Section 5 of the measure, which is the risk reduction certification program report requirement, is repealed on January 2, 2026.