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WATER CONGRESS
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HB22-1148

SHORT TITLE: Wildfire Camera Pilot Program

LONG TITLE: Concerning the establishment of a pilot program to implement a remote camera wildfire alert system, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SPONSORS: Representatives Catlin and Roberts

COMMITTEES: House Energy, Livestock & Water Committee

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To establish and fund pilot programs for remote camera technology to identify and monitor wildfire

PROPONENTS OF THE BILL: Policymakers concerned about wildfire, its impacts on forest health and water quality

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: CWCB, Public safety officials, forest health advocates, water providers

BACKGROUND: Remote technology has been used in game cameras and other satellite imagery; perhaps it has applicability to see wildfires as they ignite.

Is the bill necessary this year? There are no deadlines, but following devastating wildfires more tools are needed to spot them early

How does the bill change current law? It creates a new pilot program

How is the bill implemented? The CWCB will be appropriated two million dollars to use to contract with technology companies to establish one or more pilot programs. The location and operation of the system will be determined through collaboration with other state and federal agencies and stakeholders. The CWCB is directed to report on the program's status by August 1, 2023, and annually thereafter to the Wildfire Matters committee.

Does the bill affect prior appropriations? No

Fiscal Impact: Two million dollars from the General Fund