

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

January 29, 2014
Date

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB14-1009 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general
3 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) Warm winters, hot and dry summers, severe drought, insect
5 and disease infestations, years of fire suppression, and population growth
6 in the wildland-urban interface continue to increase wildfire risk and the
7 potential for catastrophic wildland fires in Colorado;

8 (b) Mitigating wildfire risk by creating a defensible space around
9 structures is imperative not only to the home and the homeowner, but also
10 to the homeowner's community and to the safety of the firefighters called
11 to a home to defend it from a wildfire;

12 (c) By creating an adequate defensible space around structures, a
13 homeowner can give firefighters the safest and best chance to defend the
14 home from a wildfire; and

15 (d) Offering an income tax credit to a taxpayer for a portion of the
16 costs of wildfire mitigation measures that the taxpayer incurs is sound
17 public policy."

18 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

19 Page 2, line 21, strike "JANUARY 1, 2025," and substitute "JANUARY 1,
20 2021,".

- 1 Page 3, line 1, strike "FIFTY" and substitute "TWENTY-FIVE".
- 2 Page 3, line 17, strike "INDIVIDUALS" and substitute "TAXPAYERS".
- 3 Page 3, strike lines 19 through 21 and substitute "HUNDRED DOLLARS IN
- 4 ANY TAXABLE YEAR. IN THE CASE OF TWO TAXPAYERS WHO MAY LEGALLY
- 5 FILE A JOINT RETURN BUT ACTUALLY FILE SEPARATE RETURNS, ONLY ONE
- 6 OF THE TAXPAYERS MAY CLAIM THE CREDIT SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.".

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