

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: McReynolds, Gonzalez Toureilles, Guillen

H.B. No. 2914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.121 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.121. FUEL MITIGATION PILOT GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The Texas Forest Service, with the advice of the advisory committee appointed under Section 614.073, Government Code, may:

(1) establish and administer a pilot program under this section to provide grants to fire departments to assist with the costs of fuel mitigation; and

(2) adopt rules consistent with this section as necessary to implement this section, including rules establishing:

(A) reasonable criteria and qualifications for the distribution of grant money under the pilot program; and

(B) a procedure for reporting and processing requests for grant money under the pilot program.

(b) The Texas Forest Service may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for purposes of this section.

(c) If the Texas Forest Service establishes a pilot program under this section, the director shall, not later than December 1, 2010, submit a written report to the legislature on the

1 effectiveness of the pilot program in mitigating fuel hazards.

2 (d) Notwithstanding Section 614.075(b), Government Code,  
3 money in the rural volunteer fire department insurance fund may  
4 also be used for purposes of the pilot program under this section.

5 (e) This section expires September 1, 2011.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

**ADOPTED**

*[Signature]*  
BY: N. A. S.

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

MAY 25 2009

1 Amend HB 2914 by *[Signature]* ~~adding~~ *[Signature]* the following appropriately  
2 numbered section to the bill and renumbering subsequent sections  
3 of the bill as appropriate:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. This Act does not make an appropriation. A  
5 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,  
6 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a  
7 governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for  
8 which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to  
9 implement the provision.

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**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 28, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2914** by McReynolds (Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**Up to \$1.2 million of funds from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund could be appropriated per year to implement the provisions of the bill.**

The bill would authorize the Texas Forest Service to administer a pilot program to provide grants to fire departments to assist with the costs of fuel mitigation. The Forest Service would be allowed to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from private and public sources. Funds from General Revenue Dedicated Account 5066, Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund, could also be appropriated for this program.

The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund is funded through a tax on firework sales and the Comptroller of Public Account's Biennial Revenue Estimate contains an estimated collection of approximately \$1,200,000 each year during the 2010-11 biennium. The Forest Service would be required to submit a report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program by December 1, 2010.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 576 Texas Forest Service

**LBB Staff:** JOB, SD, RT, SK

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 15, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2914** by McReynolds (Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments.), **As Engrossed**

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The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund is funded through a tax on firework sales and the Comptroller of Public Account's Biennial Revenue Estimate contains an estimated collection of approximately \$1,200,000 each year during the 2010-11 biennium. The Forest Service would be required to submit a report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program by December 1, 2010.

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 30, 2009

**TO:** Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2914** by McReynolds (Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Under the provisions of the bill, funds from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund could be appropriated to implement the provisions of the bill.

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The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund is funded through a tax on firework sales and the Comptroller of Public Account's Biennial Revenue Estimate contains an estimated collection of approximately \$1,200,000 each year during the 2010-11 biennium. The Forest Service would be required to submit a report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program by December 1, 2010.

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**Source Agencies:** 576 Texas Forest Service

**LBB Staff:** JOB, WK, RT, SK

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
Austin, Texas

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 23, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2914** by McReynolds (Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments.), **As Introduced**

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The Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Fund is funded through a tax on firework sales and the Comptroller of Public Account's Biennial Revenue Estimate contains an estimated collection of approximately \$1,200,000 each year during the 2010-11 biennium. The Forest Service would be required to submit a report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program by December 1, 2010.

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