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HOUSE BILL 2001

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE
MANAGEMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Supplemental appropriation; Arizona department of
3 forestry and fire management; wildfire emergency
4 response; reports; exemption

5 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
6 2020-2021, the sum of \$75,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
7 fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Arizona department of forestry and
8 fire management for wildfire emergency response. The department may spend
9 the monies for:

10 1. Fire suppression and pre-positioning of fire suppression
11 equipment and staff.

12 2. Capital expenditures and equipment associated with fire
13 suppression and pre-positioning activities for fire suppression.

14 3. Mitigation projects to address postfire flooding and other
15 damage that may occur as a result of fires or fire suppression activities.

16 4. A state or local government agency's emergency liabilities
17 related to emergency sheltering, wraparound services and support
18 activities.

19 5. Financial assistance to public and private landowners for
20 emergency repairs for infrastructure damage resulting from fires or fire
21 suppression activities.

22 6. Reimbursement to a state agency or political subdivision for the
23 state agency's or political subdivision's costshare of eligible claims
24 arising from an emergency declared pursuant to section 35-192, Arizona
25 Revised Statutes, or a federal declaration of emergency or major disaster.

26 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section shall be
27 used to supplement and not supplant any monies allocated by the federal
28 government for this purpose. The department shall seek federal
29 reimbursement as appropriate for expenditures made from this
30 appropriation. Any reimbursements shall be credited to this
31 appropriation.

32 C. The department may not spend more than a total of \$10,000,000 of
33 the appropriation made in subsection A of this section for state capital
34 purposes pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section.

35 D. The department may not spend more than a total of \$10,000,000 of
36 the appropriation made in subsection A of this section for financial
37 assistance to private landowners pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 5 of
38 this section. The department shall distribute monies to landowners
39 pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section only as the payor of
40 last resort after all other sources of payment, including any insurance
41 and other reimbursements, have been exhausted.

42 E. Not later than fifteen days after the end of each month, the
43 department shall report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the
44 house of representatives and the joint legislative budget committee on
45 expenditures from and reimbursements to the appropriation made in

1 subsection A of this section for the prior month. Each report shall
2 include, at a minimum, information regarding the total expenditures and
3 reimbursements for each paragraph listed in subsection A of this section
4 and the amount of monies remaining in the appropriation.

5 F. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
6 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
7 to lapsing of appropriations.

8 Sec. 2. Supplemental appropriation; Arizona department of
9 forestry and fire management; wildfire mitigation;
10 exemption

11 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
12 2020-2021, the sum of \$24,541,800 and 122 full-time equivalent positions
13 are appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to
14 the Arizona department of forestry and fire management for wildfire
15 mitigation, to be allocated as follows:

16 1. \$16,999,300 and 122 full-time equivalent positions for fire
17 mitigation personnel and operating costs.

18 2. \$3,910,000 for vehicle purchases.

19 3. \$1,382,500 for vehicle operating costs.

20 4. \$2,250,000 for contracted hazardous vegetation removal.

21 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
22 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
23 to lapsing of appropriations through June 30, 2022.