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HB 2012: department of forestry; continuation

Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 19

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Overview

Continues the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) for eight years through July 1, 2032.

History

The DFFM provides land management services and prevents wildfires on state and private land located outside of cities and towns. The State Forester is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for the direction, operation and control of the DFFM ([A.R.S. § 37-1301](#)).

The Legislature may continue any state agency for a period up to 10 years, after which the agency is subject to a Sunset Review ([A.R.S. § 41-2955](#)). Arizona's Sunset Review process requires the Legislature to review the purpose and functions of state agencies and determine whether continuation, revision, consolidation or termination is warranted ([A.R.S. § 41-2951](#)).

The DFFM is set to expire on July 1, 2024 ([A.R.S. § 41-3024.21](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires the State Forester to provide a written report to the Arizona State Legislature, the Governor and the Secretary of State. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the written report to include current and ongoing wildfire mitigation and suppression activities and the associated budget allocated for wildfire mitigation and suppression. (Sec. 1)
3. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2024, the DFFM until July 1, 2032. (Sec. 2)
4. Repeals the DFFM on January 1, 2033. (Sec. 3)
5. Contains a legislative intent clause. (Sec. 4)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note