Senator Michael K. McKell proposes the following substitute bill:

1	FIRE AMENDMENTS			
2	2024 GENERAL SESSION			
3	STATE OF UTAH			
4	Chief Sponsor: Casey Snider			
5	Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell			
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7	LONG TITLE			
8	General Description:			
9	This bill modifies provisions concerning control and funding related to fire.			
10	Highlighted Provisions:			
11	This bill:			
12	 modifies provisions related to calculating amounts to be transferred to a Medicaid 			
13	fund and the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation			
14	Fund;			
15	 modifies definitions related to the State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Act and 			
16	the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund;			
17	 addresses timing of transfers related to the Industrial Assistance Account and the 			
18	Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund;			
19	 modifies provisions related to cooperative fire protection agreements; 			
20	 requires the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to analyze certain issues 			
21	related to the wildfire risk assessment mapping tool;			
22	 permits adjustments to participation commitments based on the wildfire risk 			
23	assessment mapping tool;			
24	 adjusts the calculation for billing a county or municipality without a cooperative 			
25	agreement;			



26	 modifies money to be deposited into the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, 				
27	Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund; and				
28	makes technical changes.				
29	Money Appropriated in this Bill:				
30	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:				
31	 to Department of Natural Resources - Wildland Fire Suppression Fund as a 				
32	one-time appropriation:				
33	• from the General Fund, One-time, (\$4,000,000)				
34	 to Department of Natural Resources - Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, 				
35	Preparedness and Mitigation Fund as a one-time appropriation:				
36	• from the General Fund, One-time, \$4,000,000				
37	Other Special Clauses:				
38	None				
39	Utah Code Sections Affected:				
40	AMENDS:				
41	63J-1-315, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 329				
42	63J-3-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 456				
43	63N-3-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 499				
44	65A-8-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 16				
45	65A-8-203.2, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 174				
46	65A-8-215, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 153				
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48	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:				
49	Section 1. Section 63J-1-315 is amended to read:				
50	63J-1-315. Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account				
51	Transfers of Medicaid growth savings Base budget adjustments.				
52	(1) As used in this section:				
53	(a) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services created in				
54	Section 26B-1-201.				
55	(b) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section				
56	26B-3-102.				

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(c) "General Fund revenue surplus" means a situation where actual General Fund
revenues collected in a completed fiscal year exceed the estimated revenues for the General
Fund for that fiscal year that were adopted by the Executive Appropriations Committee of the
Legislature.

- (d) "Medicaid growth savings" means the Medicaid growth target minus Medicaid program expenditures, if Medicaid program expenditures are less than the Medicaid growth target.
- (e) "Medicaid growth target" means Medicaid program expenditures for the previous year multiplied by 1.08.
 - (f) "Medicaid program" is as defined in Section 26B-3-101.
- (g) "Medicaid program expenditures" means total state revenue expended for the Medicaid program from the General Fund, including restricted accounts within the General Fund, during a fiscal year.
- (h) "Medicaid program expenditures for the previous year" means total state revenue expended for the Medicaid program from the General Fund, including restricted accounts within the General Fund, during the fiscal year immediately preceding a fiscal year for which Medicaid program expenditures are calculated.
- (i) "Operating deficit" means that, at the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is less than zero.
 - (j) "State revenue" means revenue other than federal revenue.
- (k) "State revenue expended for the Medicaid program" includes money transferred or appropriated to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account only to the extent the money is appropriated for the Medicaid program by the Legislature.
- (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account to be known as the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account.
- (3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6), if, at the end of a fiscal year, there is a General Fund revenue surplus, the Division of Finance shall transfer an amount equal to Medicaid growth savings from the General Fund to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account.
- (ii) If the amount transferred is reduced to prevent an operating deficit, as provided in Subsection (6), the Legislature shall include, to the extent revenue is available, an amount

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- equal to the reduction as an appropriation from the General Fund to the account in the base budget for the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the reduction was made.
 - (b) If, at the end of a fiscal year, there is not a General Fund revenue surplus, the Legislature shall include, to the extent revenue is available, an amount equal to Medicaid growth savings as an appropriation from the General Fund to the account in the base budget for the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the reduction was made.
 - (c) Subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) apply only to the fiscal year in which the department implements the proposal developed under Section 26B-3-202 to reduce the long-term growth in state expenditures for the Medicaid program, and to each fiscal year after that year.
 - (4) The Division of Finance shall calculate the amount to be transferred under Subsection (3):
 - (a) before transferring revenue from the General Fund revenue surplus to:
 - (i) the General Fund Budget Reserve Account under Section 63J-1-312;
- 101 (ii) (A) the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204, as described in Section 63J-1-314; [and] or
 - (B) the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund under Section 63J-1-314; and
 - (iii) the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account under Section 63J-1-314;
 - (b) before earmarking revenue from the General Fund revenue surplus to the Industrial Assistance Account under Section 63N-3-106; and
 - (c) before making any other year-end contingency appropriations, year-end set-asides, or other year-end transfers required by law.
 - (5) (a) If, at the close of any fiscal year, there appears to be insufficient money to pay additional debt service for any bonded debt authorized by the Legislature, the Division of Finance may hold back from any General Fund revenue surplus money sufficient to pay the additional debt service requirements resulting from issuance of bonded debt that was authorized by the Legislature.
 - (b) The Division of Finance may not spend the hold back amount for debt service under Subsection (5)(a) unless and until it is appropriated by the Legislature.
 - (c) If, after calculating the amount for transfer under Subsection (3), the remaining General Fund revenue surplus is insufficient to cover the hold back for debt service required by

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- Subsection (5)(a), the Division of Finance shall reduce the transfer to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account by the amount necessary to cover the debt service hold back.
 - (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (3) and (4), the Division of Finance shall hold back the General Fund balance for debt service authorized by this Subsection (5) before making any transfers to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account or any other designation or allocation of General Fund revenue surplus.
 - (6) Notwithstanding Subsections (3) and (4), if, at the end of a fiscal year, the Division of Finance determines that an operating deficit exists and that holding back earmarks to the Industrial Assistance Account under Section 63N-3-106, transfers to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund and State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account under Section 63J-1-314, transfers to the General Fund Budget Reserve Account under Section 63J-1-312, or earmarks and transfers to more than one of those accounts, in that order, does not eliminate the operating deficit, the Division of Finance may reduce the transfer to the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account by the amount necessary to eliminate the operating deficit.
 - (7) The Legislature may appropriate money from the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account only:
 - (a) if Medicaid program expenditures for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made are estimated to be 108% or more of Medicaid program expenditures for the previous year; and
 - (b) for the Medicaid program.
 - (8) The Division of Finance shall deposit interest or other earnings derived from investment of Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Account money into the General Fund.
- Section 2. Section **63J-3-103** is amended to read:
- 144 **63J-3-103.** Definitions.
- 145 As used in this chapter:
 - (1) (a) "Appropriations" means actual unrestricted capital and operating appropriations from unrestricted General Fund and Income Tax Fund sources.
- 148 (b) "Appropriations" includes appropriations that are contingent upon available 149 surpluses in the General Fund and Income Tax Fund.

130	(c) Appropriations does not mean:			
151	(i) public education expenditures;			
152	(ii) Utah Education and Telehealth Network expenditures in support of public			
153	education;			
154	(iii) Utah Board of Higher Education expenditures in support of public education;			
155	(iv) State Tax Commission expenditures related to collection of income taxes in			
156	support of public education;			
157	(v) debt service expenditures;			
158	(vi) emergency expenditures;			
159	(vii) expenditures from all other fund or subfund sources;			
160	(viii) transfers or appropriations from the Income Tax Fund to the Uniform School			
161	Fund;			
162	(ix) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the General Fund Budget Reserve			
163	Account established in Section 63J-1-312;			
164	(x) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the Income Tax Fund Budget Reserve			
165	Account established in Section 63J-1-313;			
166	(xi) transfers in accordance with Section 63J-1-314 into, or appropriations made to the			
167	Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204 [or], the Wildland-urban			
168	Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund created in Section 65A-8-215, or the			
169	State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account created in Section 53-2a-603;			
170	(xii) money appropriated to fund the total one-time project costs for the construction of			
171	capital development projects as defined in Section 63A-5b-401;			
172	(xiii) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Centennial Highway Fund			
173	created by Section 72-2-118;			
174	(xiv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Transportation Investment			
175	Fund of 2005 created by Section 72-2-124;			
176	(xv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to:			
177	(A) the Department of Transportation from any source; or			
178	(B) any transportation-related account or fund from any source; or			
179	(xvi) supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to the Division of Forestry,			
180	Fire, and State Lands to provide money for wildland fire control expenses incurred during the			

current or previous fire years.

- 182 (2) "Base year real per capita appropriations" means the result obtained for the state by 183 dividing the fiscal year 1985 actual appropriations of the state less debt money by:
 - (a) the state's July 1, 1983 population; and
 - (b) the fiscal year 1983 inflation index divided by 100.
 - (3) "Calendar year" means the time period beginning on January 1 of any given year and ending on December 31 of the same year.
 - (4) "Fiscal emergency" means an extraordinary occurrence requiring immediate expenditures and includes the settlement under Laws of Utah 1988, Fourth Special Session, Chapter 4.
 - (5) "Fiscal year" means the time period beginning on July 1 of any given year and ending on June 30 of the subsequent year.
 - (6) "Fiscal year 1985 actual base year appropriations" means fiscal year 1985 actual capital and operations appropriations from General Fund and non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenue sources, less debt money.
 - (7) "Inflation index" means the change in the general price level of goods and services as measured by the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce calculated as provided in Section 63J-3-202.
 - (8) (a) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" means the appropriations that could be, or could have been, spent in any given year under the limitations of this chapter.
 - (b) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" does not mean actual appropriations spent or actual expenditures.
 - (9) "Most recent fiscal year's inflation index" means the fiscal year inflation index two fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
 - (10) "Most recent fiscal year's population" means the fiscal year population two fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
 - (11) "Population" means the number of residents of the state as of July 1 of each year as calculated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget according to the procedures and requirements of Section 63J-3-202.

grant payments as provided in Subsection (2).

212	(12) "Revenues" means the revenues of the state from every tax, penalty, receipt, and			
213	other monetary exaction and interest connected with it that are recorded as unrestricted revenu			
214	of the General Fund and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenues, except as			
215	specifically exempted by this chapter.			
216	(13) "Security" means any bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness,			
217	whether or not the bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness is or constitutes an			
218	"indebtedness" within the meaning of any provision of the constitution or laws of this state.			
219	Section 3. Section 63N-3-106 is amended to read:			
220	63N-3-106. Structure of loans, grants, and assistance Repayment Earned			
221	credits.			
222	(1) (a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), the administrator has authority to determine the			
223	structure, amount, and nature of any loan, grant, or other financial assistance from the restricted			
224	account.			
225	(b) Loans made under this part shall be structured so the intended repayment or return			
226	to the state, including cash or credit, equals at least the amount of the assistance together with			
227	an annual interest charge as negotiated by the administrator.			
228	(c) Payments resulting from grants awarded from the restricted account shall be made			
229	only after the administrator has determined that the company has satisfied the conditions upon			
230	which the payment or earned credit was based.			
231	(2) (a) The administrator may provide for a system of earned credits that may be used			
232	to support grant payments or in lieu of cash repayment of a restricted account loan obligation.			
233	(b) The value of the credits described in Subsection (2)(a) shall be based on factors			
234	determined by the administrator, including:			
235	(i) the number of Utah jobs created;			
236	(ii) the increased economic activity in Utah; or			
237	(iii) other events and activities that occur as a result of the restricted account assistance.			
238	(3) (a) A cash loan repayment or other cash recovery from a company receiving			
239	assistance under this section, including interest, shall be deposited into the restricted account.			
240	(b) The administrator and the Division of Finance shall determine the manner of			
241	recognizing and accounting for the earned credits used in lieu of loan repayments or to support			

243	(4) (a) (i) At the end of each fiscal year, the Division of Finance shall set aside the			
244	balance of the General Fund revenue surplus as defined in Section 63J-1-312 after the transfers			
245	of General Fund revenue surplus described in Subsection (4)(b) to the Industrial Assistance			
246	Account in an amount equal to any credit that has accrued under this part.			
247	(ii) The set aside under Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be capped at \$50,000,000, at which			
248	time no subsequent contributions may be made and any interest accrued above the \$50,000,000			
249	cap shall be deposited into the General Fund.			
250	(b) The set aside required by Subsection (4)(a) shall be made after the transfer of			
251	surplus General Fund revenue surplus is made <u>to</u> :			
252	(i) [to] the Medicaid Growth Reduction and Budget Stabilization Restricted Account			
253	as provided in Section 63J-1-315;			
254	(ii) [to] the General Fund Budget Reserve Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-312;			
255	and			
256	(iii) as provided in Section 63J-1-314;			
257	(A) the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund or the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention,			
258	Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund; and			
259	(B) the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account.			
260	[(iii) to the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund or State Disaster Recovery Restricted			
261	Account, as provided in Section 63J-1-314.]			
262	(c) These credit amounts may not be used for purposes of the restricted account as			
263	provided in this part until appropriated by the Legislature.			
264	Section 4. Section 65A-8-203 is amended to read:			
265	65A-8-203. Cooperative fire protection agreements with counties, cities, towns, or			
266	special service districts.			
267	(1) As used in this section:			
268	(a) "Eligible entity" means:			
269	(i) a county, a municipality, or a special service district, special district, or service area			
270	with:			
271	(A) wildland fire suppression responsibility as described in Section 11-7-1; and			
272	(B) wildland fire suppression cost responsibility and taxing authority for a specific			
273	geographic jurisdiction: or			

- 274 (ii) upon approval by the director, a political subdivision established by a county, 275 municipality, special service district, special district, or service area that is responsible for:
 - (A) providing wildland fire suppression services; and
 - (B) paying for the cost of wildland fire suppression services.
 - (b) "Fire service provider" means a public or private entity that fulfills the duties of Subsection 11-7-1(1).
 - (2) (a) The governing body of any eligible entity may enter into a cooperative agreement with the division to receive financial and wildfire management cooperation and assistance from the division, as described in this part.
 - (b) A cooperative agreement shall last for a term of no more than five years and be renewable if the eligible entity continues to meet the requirements of this chapter.
 - [(3) (a) An eligible entity may not receive financial cooperation or financial assistance under Subsection (2)(a) until a cooperative agreement is executed by the eligible entity and the division.]
 - [(b)] (3) (a) The state shall assume an eligible entity's cost of suppressing catastrophic wildfire as defined in the cooperative agreement if the eligible entity has entered into, and is in full compliance with, a cooperative agreement with the division, as described in this section.
 - [(c)] (b) A county or municipality that is not covered by a cooperative agreement with the division, as described in this section, shall be responsible for wildland fire costs within the county or municipality's jurisdiction, as described in Section 65A-8-203.2.
 - (4) [In order to] To enter into a cooperative agreement with the division, the eligible entity shall:
 - (a) if the eligible entity is a county, adopt and enforce on unincorporated land a wildland fire ordinance based upon minimum standards established by the division or Uniform Building Code Commission;
 - (b) require that the fire department or equivalent fire service provider under contract with, or delegated by, the eligible entity on unincorporated land meet minimum standards for wildland fire training, certification, and suppression equipment based upon nationally accepted standards as specified by the division;
 - (c) invest in prevention, preparedness, and mitigation efforts, as agreed to with the division, that will reduce the eligible entity's risk of catastrophic wildfire;

305	(d) (i) file with the division an annual accounting of wildfire prevention, preparedness,			
306	mitigation actions, and associated costs;			
307	(ii) meet the eligibility entity's participation commitment by making direct payments to			
308	the division; or			
309	(iii) do a combination of Subsections (4)(d)(i) and (ii);			
310	(e) return the financial statement described in Subsection (6), signed by the chief			
311	executive of the eligible entity, to the division on or before the date set by the division; and			
312	(f) if the eligible entity is a county, have a designated fire warden as described in			
313	Section 65A-8-209.1.			
314	(5) (a) The state forester may execute a cooperative agreement with the eligible entity.			
315	(b) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah			
316	Administrative Rulemaking Act, governing the:			
317	(i) cooperative agreements described in this section;			
318	(ii) manner in which an eligible entity shall provide proof of compliance with			
319	Subsection (4);			
320	(iii) manner by which the division may revoke a cooperative agreement if an eligible			
321	entity ceases to meet the requirements described in this section;			
322	(iv) accounting system for determining suppression costs;			
323	(v) manner in which the division shall determine the eligible entity's participation			
324	commitment; and			
325	(vi) manner in which an eligible entity may appeal a division determination.			
326	(6) (a) The division shall send a financial statement to each eligible entity participating			
327	in a cooperative agreement that details the eligible entity's participation commitment for the			
328	coming fiscal year, including the prevention, preparedness, and mitigation actions agreed to			
329	under Subsection (4)(c).			
330	(b) Each eligible entity participating in a cooperative agreement shall:			
331	(i) have the chief executive of the eligible entity sign the financial statement, or the			
332	legislative body of the eligible entity approve the financial statement by resolution, confirming			
333	the eligible entity's participation for the upcoming year; and			
334	(ii) return the financial statement to the division, on or before a date set by the division.			
335	(c) A financial statement shall be effective for one calendar year, beginning on the date			

336	set by the division, as described in Subsection (6)(b).			
337	(7) (a) An eligible entity may revoke a cooperative agreement before the end of the			
338	cooperative agreement's term by:			
339	(i) informing the division, in writing, of the eligible entity's intention to revoke the			
340	cooperative agreement; or			
341	(ii) failing to sign and return its annual financial statement, as described in Subsection			
342	(6)(b), unless the director grants an extension.			
343	(b) An eligible entity may not revoke a cooperative agreement before the end of the			
344	term of a signed annual financial statement, as described in Subsection (6)(c).			
345	(8) (a) The division shall develop and maintain a wildfire risk assessment mapping tool			
346	that is online and publicly accessible.			
347	(b) (i) The division shall analyze adding an additional high-risk category within the			
348	wildfire risk assessment mapping tool described in Subsection (8)(a):			
349	(A) using a scientific assessment; and			
350	(B) that is focused on the risk to dwellings within the wildland-urban interface area.			
351	(ii) The division shall report the results of the division's analysis under this Subsection			
352	(8)(b) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later			
353	than the 2024 November interim meeting of that committee.			
354	(c) With regard to the categories used within the wildfire risk assessment mapping tool			
355	described in Subsection (8)(a), the division may adjust the assessment for participation			
356	commitments if the adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers			
357	as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, in			
358	accordance with a formula established by the division by rule made in accordance with Title			
359	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.			
360	[(9) By no later than the 2021 November interim meeting of the Natural Resources,			
361	Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, the division shall report on the eligible			
362	entities' adherence to and implementation of their participation commitment under this			
363	chapter.]			
364	Section 5. Section 65A-8-203.2 is amended to read:			
365	65A-8-203.2. Billing a county or municipality not covered by a cooperative			
366	agreement Calculating cost of wildfire suppression.			

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(1) The division shall bill a county that is not covered by a cooperative agreement with
the division, as described in Section 65A-8-203, for the cost of wildfire suppression within the
jurisdiction of that county accrued by the state.

- (2) The division shall bill a municipality that is not covered by a cooperative agreement with the division, as described in Section 65A-8-203, for the cost of wildfire suppression within the jurisdiction of that municipality accrued by the state.
- (3) The cost of wildfire suppression to a county or municipality that is not covered by a cooperative agreement with the division, as described in Section 65A-8-203, shall be calculated by determining the number of acres burned within the borders of a county or municipality, dividing that number by the total number of <u>nonfederal</u> acres burned by a wildfire, and multiplying the resulting percentage by the state's total cost of wildfire suppression for that wildfire.
- (4) A county or municipality that receives a bill from the division, pursuant to this section, shall pay the bill, or make arrangements to pay the bill, within 90 days of receipt of the bill, subject to the county or municipality's right to appeal, as described in Subsection 65A-8-203(5)(b)(vi).
 - Section 6. Section **65A-8-215** is amended to read:
- 65A-8-215. Wildland-urban interface fire prevention, preparedness, and mitigation.
 - (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund" means the Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund created in this section.
- (b) "Suppression fund" means the Wildland Fire Suppression Fund created in Section 65A-8-204.
- (c) "Wildland-urban interface" means the zone where structures and other human development meets, or intermingles with, undeveloped wildland.
- (2) (a) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Wildland-urban Interface Prevention, Preparedness, and Mitigation Fund."
 - (b) The prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund shall consist of:
- (i) interest and earnings from the investment of money from the prevention,preparedness, and mitigation fund;

398	(ii) money received as direct payment from cooperative wildfire system participation			
399	commitments;			
400	[(ii)] (iii) money appropriated by the Legislature; and			
401	[(iii)] (iv) money transferred to the prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund			
402	under Section 63J-1-314.			
403	(c) The division shall administer the prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund to:			
404	(i) pay costs of prevention and preparedness efforts on wildland-urban interface within			
405	the state, as defined by the division by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah			
406	Administrative Rulemaking Act, including costs of an eligible entity that has entered into a			
407	cooperative agreement, as described in Section 65A-8-203;			
408	(ii) issue fire department assistance grants, which in the aggregate may not exceed 10%			
409	of the money in the prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund each fiscal year; and			
410	(iii) in cases of catastrophic need as determined by the state forester, pay costs that			
411	could be paid from the suppression fund under Section 65A-8-204.			
412	(d) Disbursements from the prevention, preparedness, and mitigation fund may only be			
413	made upon written order of the state forester or the state forester's authorized representative.			
414	(3) (a) The division may by rule, made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah			
415	Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish criteria for community wildfire preparedness plans			
416	addressing wildland-urban interface. The criteria shall require action that is:			
417	(i) qualitative and quantitative; and			
418	(ii) leads to reduced wildfire risk.			
419	(b) An eligible entity, as defined in Section 65A-8-203, shall agree to implement			
420	prevention, preparedness, and mitigation actions identified in a community wildfire			
421	preparedness plan addressing wildland-urban interface that is approved by the division.			
422	Section 7. FY 2025 Appropriation.			
423	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,			
424	2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for			
425	fiscal year 2025.			
426	Subsection 7(a). Expendable Funds and Accounts.			
427	The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature			
428	authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as			

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429	indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the funds or accounts to which the money is			
430	transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory			
431	provisions relating to the funds or accounts.			
432	ITEM 1 To Department of Natural Resources - Wildland Fire Suppression Fund			
433	From General Fund, One-time (\$4,000,00			
434	Schedule of Programs:			
435		Wildland Fire Suppression Fund	(\$4,000,000)	
436	ITEM 2	To Department of Natural Resources - Wild	land-urban Interface Prevention,	
437	Preparedness and Mitigation Fund			
438	From General Fund, One-time \$4,000,0			
439	Sc	hedule of Programs:		
440		Wildland-urban Interface Prevention,	\$4,000,000	
		Preparedness and Mitigation Fund		
441	The Legislature intends that the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands expends money			
442	appropriated by this Item 2 to pay for costs of pre-suppression mitigation and education and			
443	post fire restoration at the discretion of the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.			
444	Sec	tion 8. Effective date.		
115	This hill takes effect on May 1, 2024			