

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

**Measure: SB 1515 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to research creation of wildfire workforce foundation and report to committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to wildfire no later than December 1, 2020.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Analysis:**

The measure would require the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to research the creation of a wildfire workforce foundation that supports youth workforce development programs in the areas of forest restoration and wildfire reduction, as well as other assorted tasks related to its research. HECC would be required to report on the results of its research and related tasks to a legislative committee or interim committee related to wildfire no later than December 1, 2020. The measure would take effect on passage.

To conduct the necessary research and outreach, HECC will need a General Fund appropriation to support one limited duration Program Analyst 3 position (0.42 FTE) for ten months of the 2019-21 biennium. Alternatively, HECC anticipates need for a General Fund appropriation to enter a professional service contract with a business level 2 professional consultant. The fiscal impact would depend on which of these options is pursued.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact on the State’s General Fund.