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**WATER CONGRESS**  
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## **SB24-028**

**SHORT TITLE:** Study Biochar in Wildfire Mitigation Efforts

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning a comprehensive study on biochar, and, in connection therewith, studying the use of biochar in wildfire mitigation efforts.

**SPONSORS:** Sen. Cutter/Representatives Will and Velasco

**COMMITTEES:** Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To study the properties and use of biochar for wildfire mitigation

**PROPONENTS OF THE BILL:** Wildfire Matters Review Committee

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** water groups, conservation organizations

**BACKGROUND:** For several years, advocates for biochar have urged its use as a soil amendment, to aid in soil retention of water

**Is this bill necessary this year?** There is no deadline

**How does the bill change current law?** It directs Colorado State University to conduct or cause to be conducted a study on biochar and establishes parameters to be studied, with a report back to the Wildfire Review committee in 2026.

**Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system?** No

**How is the bill implemented?**

**Practical considerations:**

**Fiscal Impact.** No money is appropriated and there is no fiscal note.