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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Darby

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article III
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas A&M Forest
3 Service (page III-261), by adding the following appropriately
4 numbered rider:

5 _____. Report on Wildfires and Electrical Infrastructure. (a)
6 The Texas A&M Forest Service, using money appropriated above for
7 Strategy A.1.1, Forestry Leadership, shall prepare a report on the
8 connection between wildfires and electrical infrastructure in this
9 state.

10 (b) The report described by Subsection (a) of this rider
11 must:

12 (1) identify the areas in this state at highest risk
13 for wildfires;

14 (2) recommend strategies to lessen the risk and cost
15 of wildfires resulting from electrical infrastructure;

16 (3) include the total damage to this state's
17 infrastructure resulting from wildfires;

18 (4) include the total costs to this state of personnel
19 and equipment used to prevent and respond to wildfires;

20 (5) include the costs to this state of repairing
21 electrical infrastructure following a wildfire; and

22 (6) include any other information on the impact of
23 wildfires in this state the Texas A&M Forest Service considers
24 necessary for the report.

25 (c) Not later than August 31, 2026, the Texas A&M Forest
26 Service shall submit the report described by this rider to the
27 governor, the lieutenant governor, and each member of the
28 legislature.