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S 2471

A bill to provide for the independent investigation of Federal wildland firefighter fatalities.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: May 8, 2002

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings

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Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-762. (Jun 18, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

Party: Democratic • State: WA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jun 17, 2002 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Jun 18, 2002 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 107 HR 3971 | Related bill | Jul 24, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-203. |

Summary (as of May 8, 2002)

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior, in each case of a fatality of a firefighter employed by any agency of the Department that occurs due to wildfire entrapment or burnover, to: (1) conduct an investigation of the fatality that does not rely on, and is completely independent of, any investigation conducted by an agency under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior; and (2) report to the Secretary and Congress about it.

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, in each case of a fatality of a firefighter employed by the Forest Service that occurs due to wildfire entrapment or burnover, to: (1) conduct an investigation of the fatality that does not rely on, and is completely independent of, any investigation conducted by the Forest Service; and (2) report to the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress.

Actions Timeline

| • | Jun 18, 2002: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. | Hearings |
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| | held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-762. | |

- May 8, 2002: Introduced in Senate
- May 8, 2002: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4066)
- May 8, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.