

HR 2909

Protecting Firefighters and Promoting Innovation Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 28, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2015
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the President to establish an interagency working group to study the use of unmanned aircraft systems for wildland firefighting.

The working group shall:

- develop standards and best practices for the use of unmanned aircraft systems for wildland firefighting to assist in fire suppression, to provide real-time updates for firefighters, and to reduce the risk of firefighter fatalities due to wildland firefighting and related aircraft accidents;
- identify opportunities to use existing federal unmanned aircraft systems to lower the costs of the use of unmanned aircraft systems for wildland firefighting;
- with respect to the use of unmanned aircraft systems for wildland firefighting, assess opportunities to improve interagency coordination, the efficacy of current technology, and the potential efficacy of emerging technology;
- assess the implications for the Fourth Amendment of any standards, best practices, or recommendations under this Act with respect to the use of unmanned aircraft systems; and
- report to Congress and to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group on the results of its work.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.