

HR 1183

Wildfire Prevention Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 16, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Feb 16, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4460	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 850.
115 S 3041	Related bill	Dec 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 737.
115 HR 302	Related bill	Oct 5, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-254.
115 HR 4	Related bill	May 8, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 401.
115 HR 4667	Related bill	Jan 4, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.

Summary (as of Feb 16, 2017)

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This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide hazard mitigation assistance in any area affected by a fire for which fire management assistance was provided under such Act, regardless of whether a major disaster is declared.

Recipients of hazard mitigation assistance may use such assistance to conduct the following activities to help reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering in any area affected by a wildfire:

- reseeding ground cover with quick-growing or native species;
- mulching with straw or chipped wood;
- constructing straw, rock, or log dams in small tributaries to prevent flooding;
- placing logs and other erosion barriers to catch sediment on hill slopes;
- installing debris traps to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms;
- modifying or removing culverts to allow drainage to flow freely;
- adding drainage dips and constructing emergency spillways to keep roads and bridges from washing out during floods;
- planting grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds;
- installing warning signs;
- establishing defensible space measures; and
- reducing hazardous fuels.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall submit to specified congressional committees a report containing a summary of any projects carried out, and any funding provided to those projects, under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 16, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.