

HR 3534

Wildfire Emergency Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		May 25, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 5, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2806	Related bill	Oct 21, 2021: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
117 S 1855	Identical bill	May 26, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill provides for programs and activities in support of forest restoration, wildfire mitigation, and energy resilience.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall select landscape-scale forest restoration projects to implement on National Forest System land and on land adjoining National Forest System land. USDA shall establish a pilot program under which USDA may enter into conservation finance agreements with public or private persons to implement and monitor such projects.

The Department of Energy shall establish a program to support critical infrastructure and microgrids, including by improving the energy resilience and power needs of critical facilities (e.g., hospitals) through the use of microgrids, renewable energy, energy efficiency, reduced electricity demand, and on-site storage.

USDA and the Department of the Interior shall establish one or more centers in western states to train individuals in methods relevant to the mitigation of wildfire risk.

USDA shall establish a competitive grant program to support workforce development in forestry and fire management.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jul 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **May 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor, 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.