

## HR 5282

### Care for our Firefighters Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Sep 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Oct 21, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5282>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 21, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 7, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Sep 17, 2021)

### Care for our Firefighters Act

This bill establishes a program and provides additional leave to support mental health for federal wildland firefighters.

The Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior must carry out a mental health awareness and support program for federal wildland firefighters. Components of the program must include an awareness campaign, relevant education and training, a peer-to-peer mental health support network, and increased access to mental health benefits.

The bill also entitles each federal wildland firefighter to seven consecutive days of leave to be taken between June 1 and October 31 of each calendar year to maintain mental health. Leave not taken during that period expires.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Oct 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Sep 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.