

HR 3499

Direct Hire To Fight Fires

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-714, Part I.

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-48]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 18, 2023
Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jun 21, 2023
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-41]	R · CA		May 21, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 26, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 18, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3268	Related bill	Nov 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill provides permanent direct-hire authority to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to fill wildland firefighter and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service and Interior agencies.

The bill also requires USDA and Interior to implement policies to recruit and retain wildland firefighters and related personnel, such as by streamlining the hiring process and reducing barriers for firefighters transferring between agencies.

Further, the bill requires USDA and Interior to annually report related data to Congress, including the number of firefighters needed for the coming year, the number of firefighting vacancies in each state, and existing barriers to filling such vacancies. The report must also be made available on a public website.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-714, Part I.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 32 - 0.
- **Jun 23, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **May 23, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **May 18, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 18, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and 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.