

HR 5329

Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Sep 5, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 1, 2023
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 1, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 5, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2387	Identical bill	Jul 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 1, 2023)

Wildfire Smoke Emergency Declaration Act of 2023

This bill authorizes the President to declare a smoke emergency and provide emergency assistance to affected communities under specified circumstances.

Specifically, the President, upon determining that there is, or anticipating that there will be, a significant decrease in air quality due to wildland fire smoke in one or more states, may declare a smoke emergency. The governor or other agency of a state that is or will be affected may request such a declaration.

If the President declares a smoke emergency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies may provide emergency assistance to states and local communities that are or will be affected by the emergency, including grants, equipment, supplies, and personnel and resources for establishing smoke shelters, air purifiers, and additional air monitoring sites.

The Small Business Administration may provide grants to any small business concern that loses a significant amount of revenue due to wildland fire smoke in an area in which the President has declared a smoke emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 5, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Sep 1, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 1, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and the Budget, 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.