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Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act of 2025

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 16, 2025
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 16, 2025
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 16, 2025
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Sen. Sheehy, Tim [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 16, 2025
Sen. Curtis, John R. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 28, 2025
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jan 28, 2025
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 28, 2025
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1943	Identical bill	<b>Mar 28, 2025:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture.

## **Wildland Firefighter Paycheck Protection Act of 2025**

This bill establishes specialized pay for federal wildland firefighters.

Specifically, the bill provides for a specialized pay schedule for wildland firefighters in the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior. The specialized pay schedule is based on the General Schedule, increased by a specified percentage depending on the position grade (the higher the grade, the lower the percentage adjustment).

The bill also provides for specialized premium pay for wildland firefighters who respond to certain prolonged fire incidents (i.e., those that are not contained within 36 hours). It also provides for paid rest and recuperation leave in conjunction with such responses.

### **Actions Timeline**

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