

## HR 1655

Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act**

This bill exempts certain post-wildfire communications infrastructure projects from specified federal environmental and historic preservation review requirements.

Specifically, the bill exempts from review projects that (1) are to be carried out within five years of the declaration of a wildfire-related major disaster or emergency in a given area; (2) are to be carried out entirely within the area for which the major disaster or emergency was declared; and (3) will replace a communications facility damaged by the major disaster or emergency, or make improvements to a communications facility that are necessary for recovery or to prevent or mitigate a future major disaster or emergency. To qualify under the bill, a major disaster or emergency must have been declared by the President, a state governor, or a tribal chief executive.

The bill specifies that these projects are not considered *major federal actions* under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 or *undertakings* under the National Historic Preservation Act, thus exempting such projects from the review procedures required under those acts.









**Feb 27, 2025:** Introduced in House

- **Feb 27, 2025:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.