

HR 1923

Modernizing Wildfire Safety and Prevention Act of 2025

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 6, 2025
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Mar 6, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 25, 2025
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Sep 2, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2025
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 7, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4671	Related bill	Feb 11, 2026: Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
119 HR 744	Related bill	Oct 3, 2025: Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 119-320.
119 S 773	Related bill	Feb 27, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2025)

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This bill addresses wildfires by expanding emergency and disaster assistance, establishing scientific monitoring, and increasing assistance for firefighting personnel. The bill is based on recommendations in a 2023 report from the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission, a congressionally established group of public and private experts.

The bill expands and expedites federal assistance for wildfire response, recovery, and mitigation by

- expanding presidential wildfire emergency and major disaster declarations to include natural hazard events stemming from the wildfire (e.g., landslides, floods) within three years after the fire,
- requiring payment to recipients within 90 days for certain emergency land restoration and disaster assistance for wildfires, and
- requiring increased accessibility of wildfire risk reduction and recovery grants.

Additionally, it authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to allow certain emergency and disaster grant recipients to use unexpended management cost funds for five years, including for capacity-building.

The bill requires federal agencies to enhance scientific wildfire monitoring and analysis by

- establishing a Joint Office of the Fire Environment Center to provide information and services to support community decision-making,
- establishing a national smoke monitoring and alert system for wildfire smoke, and
- developing dynamic risk maps.

The bill increases assistance for wildland firefighting personnel by

- establishing grants to colleges and training programs for educational or vocational programs in wildfire emergency management,
- increasing flexibility for wildland firefighters to retain retirement benefits, and
- establishing assistance (e.g., notification, counseling) for families of wildland firefighting personnel who are critically injured or killed.

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