

HR 4852

Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Act of 2025

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Sep 3, 2025
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Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 6, 2025
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2025
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2026
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 17, 2026
Rep. Dexter, Maxine [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 24, 2026
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2025
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2025
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2025
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 1, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Aug 1, 2025)

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This bill establishes grants, training, and interagency coordination for responding to wildfires and fires in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) (i.e., where undeveloped land or vegetation meets human infrastructure). It also requires measures for protecting the health of firefighters and emergency responders.

The bill establishes an Under Secretary of Agriculture for Fire Coordination to manage coordination of government preparation and response to wildfires and WUI fires. Such office may award grants to fire departments and emergency medical services organizations for training firefighting personnel or obtaining personal protective equipment for responding to such fires.

Also, the Forest Service must establish a national plan with guidelines for training structural (i.e., urban) firefighters to respond to wildfires and WUI fires. The Forest Service may provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations to carry out training programs pursuant to the plan.

Upon request from agencies, the Department of Defense (DOD) may allow its firefighters to conduct operations or assist in responding to wildfires and WUI fires. Agencies must reimburse DOD for such services.

Additionally, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health must perform research and development and report to Congress on protecting the respiratory health of firefighters and identifying certain hazardous substances in areas affected by wildfires and WUI fires. Also, task forces within the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must train each member in peer mental health support and include members who are mental health practitioners.

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