

HR 6618

Wildfire Aerial Response Safety Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Dec 11, 2025
Rep. Crane, Elijah [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Dec 11, 2025
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 11, 2025
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jan 20, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2026
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 11, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 12, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5782	Related bill	Dec 1, 2025: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

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This bill directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to study the effects of unmanned aircraft system (i.e., drone) incursions on wildfire suppression on public lands.

Specifically, the FAA must study drone operations in any airspace for which the FAA issued a temporary flight restriction because of a wildfire on land managed by the Departments of Agriculture or the Interior. Among other things, the study must determine the number of occurrences over the last five years in which a drone incursion interfered with wildfire suppression and estimate the effects of each occurrence.

The study must also evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of (1) deploying counter-drone systems to detect, mitigate, and prevent drone incursions during wildfire suppression operations; and (2) disseminating educational materials related to the effects of the incursions on wildfire suppression operations.

The FAA must submit a report to Congress on the study's findings and any related recommendations.

Actions Timeline

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