

HJM 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 is a federal bill that was introduced in the U.S. Senate in August of 2020 to address wildfire preparedness and response. The Act would provide federal agencies with new tools to reduce hazardous fuel loads on national forest lands, expedite wildfire detection equipment placement and related permitting, exclude certain forest management activities from environmental review requirements, authorize emergency determinations and actions, authorize export of salvage timber on certain lands, and support forestry jobs, biomass development, and energy resilience and efficiency practices.

House Joint Memorial 3 would urge the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.