

HJM 3 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

Action Date: 04/06/21

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams, Witt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for collaboration with federal agencies for wildfire preparedness and response
- Fuel loads in national forests and the associated risks to the neighboring lands

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Revises the memorial language.

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 provided 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. The measure was not enacted by the 2020 Congress.

House Joint Memorial 3 A would urge the United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.