



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act tells certain state agencies, in consult with the insurance sector, to study and suggest ways to reduce wildfire risks. The Act tells the agencies to report on these topics to the legislature by a stated date. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Department of the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the State Forestry Department and the insurance industry, to evaluate and develop recommendations for community-based wildfire risk mitigation to reduce wildfire risks and increase insurance affordability and availability. Directs that a report be prepared and submitted to the Legislative Assembly on or before February 2, 2026, containing recommendations and other specified information.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure all records, documents, work papers, recorded information or copies thereof, that are produced or obtained by, or disclosed to, the Department of Consumer and Business Services in the process of evaluating the ways in which insurers treat wildfire risk mitigation actions in making underwriting and rate decisions.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain access to information regarding the ways insurance companies make underwriting and rate decisions related to wildfire risk mitigation.