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Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB926

I oppose SB 926 because it is poorly written. The wording is 'may not recover costs. . .as a result of ALLEGATIONS (emphasis mine) of a wildfire resulting from the negligence or a higher degree of fault on the part of the electric company. The wording is not fair. If "negligence or a higher degree of fault" can and would be PROVEN, then those costs should be absorbed by the electric company.

I have heard that there is a bill (among the thousands of bills abounding in this session!) about meeting or failing to "meet standards", and the bill would preclude recovery under certain circumstances. I hope to find out what that bill number is and review that, too.

I recommend a NO vote. The bill must specify proof of negligence or malfeasance to be a fair piece of legislation.