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To provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON (for himself and Mr. SCHRADER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildfire Disaster
5 Funding Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDFIRE DISASTER FUNDING AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) **ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING**
8 **LIMITS.**—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget and

1 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
2 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(E) FLAME WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION.—(i)

4 If a bill or joint resolution making appropria-
5 tions for a fiscal year is enacted that specifies
6 an amount for wildfire suppression operations
7 in the Wildland Fire Management accounts at
8 the Department of Agriculture or the Depart-
9 ment of the Interior, then the adjustments for
10 that fiscal year shall be the amount of addi-
11 tional new budget authority provided in that
12 Act for wildfire suppression operations for that
13 fiscal year, but shall not exceed \$2,689,000,000
14 in additional new budget authority in each of
15 fiscal years 2014 through 2021.

16 “(ii) As used in this subparagraph—

17 “(I) the term ‘additional new budget
18 authority’ means the amount provided for
19 a fiscal year, in excess of 70 percent of the
20 average costs for wildfire suppression oper-
21 ations over the previous 10 years, in an
22 appropriation Act and specified to pay for
23 the costs of wildfire suppression oper-
24 ations; and

1 “(II) the term ‘wildfire suppression
2 operations’ means the emergency and un-
3 predictable aspects of wildland firefighting
4 including support, response, and emer-
5 gency stabilization activities; other emer-
6 gency management activities; and funds
7 necessary to repay any transfers needed
8 for these costs.

9 “(iii) The average costs for wildfire sup-
10 pression operations over the previous 10 years
11 shall be calculated annually and reported in the
12 President’s Budget submission under section
13 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for
14 each fiscal year.”.

15 (b) DISASTER FUNDING.—Section 251(b)(2)(D) of
16 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
17 of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(D)) is amended—

18 (1) in clause (i)—

19 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “and” and
20 inserting “plus”;

21 (B) in subclause (II), by striking the pe-
22 riod and inserting “; less”; and

23 (C) by adding the following:

24 “(III) the additional new budget
25 authority provided in an appropriation

1 Act for wildfire suppression operations
2 pursuant to subparagraph (E) for the
3 preceding fiscal year.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(v) Beginning in fiscal year 2016
6 and in subsequent fiscal years, the calcula-
7 tion of the ‘average funding provided for
8 disaster relief over the previous 10 years’
9 under clause (i)(I) shall include any addi-
10 tional new budget authority provided in an
11 appropriation Act for wildfire suppression
12 operations pursuant to subparagraph
13 (E).”.

14 **SEC. 3. PROMPT REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-**
15 **RIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTE-**
16 **RIOR AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
17 **WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS.**

18 If the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of
19 Agriculture determines that supplemental appropriations
20 are necessary for a fiscal year for wildfire suppression op-
21 erations (as defined in section 251(b)(2)(E) of the Bal-
22 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
23 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(E))), such Secretary shall promptly
24 submit to Congress—

1 (1) a request for such supplemental appropria-
2 tions; and

3 (2) a plan detailing the manner in which such
4 Secretary intends to obligate the supplemental ap-
5 propriations within 30 days after the date on which
6 such supplemental appropriations are made avail-
7 able.

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