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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. HARDER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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## A BILL

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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 Risk Evalua-  
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) wildfire management is a complex, multi-ju-  
4 risdictional issue that requires a whole-of-govern-  
5 ment approach before, during, and after a fire;

6 (2) wildfires spread quickly and may invoke  
7 various Federal, State, Tribal, and local jurisdictions  
8 simultaneously;

9 (3) effective wildfire management requires  
10 interagency, cross-boundary, strategic, and holistic  
11 solutions;

12 (4) relevant Federal, State, Tribal, and local  
13 governments should be included in any planning, de-  
14 cision-making, or response activities with respect to  
15 wildfire management;

16 (5) a purpose of a quadrennial fire review is to  
17 forecast conditions that may present the greatest  
18 challenges for wildland fire management throughout  
19 the 20-year period immediately following such review  
20 and inform the development of long-term, strategic  
21 actions to address such challenges;

22 (6) the report of the Secretary of Agriculture  
23 and the Secretary of the Interior entitled “The Na-  
24 tional Strategy: the Final Phase of the Development  
25 of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management  
26 Strategy” (April 2014), as updated by the report en-

1       titled “National Cohesive Wildland Fire Manage-  
2       ment Strategy Addendum Update” (January 2023),  
3       represents a strategic, collaborative effort to address  
4       wildfire management in all landscapes and using the  
5       best science available to make meaningful progress  
6       towards the 3 goals established in such report re-  
7       garding—

8               (A) resilient landscapes;

9               (B) fire-adapted communities; and

10              (C) safe and effective wildfire response;

11              and

12              (7) the report of the Wildland Fire Mitigation  
13       and Management Commission entitled “ON FIRE:  
14       The Report of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and  
15       Management Commission” (September 2023) pre-  
16       sents a consensus set of recommendations developed  
17       by 50 diverse experts and intended to result in im-  
18       proved outcomes for wildfire management in the  
19       United States.

20   **SEC. 3. QUADRENNIAL FIRE REVIEW.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries, acting jointly  
22       through the qualified agencies, shall conduct a quadren-  
23       nial review of the comprehensive wildfire environment in  
24       the United States that includes—

1           (1) a quantitative analysis of changes to built  
2           and natural environments since the most recent  
3           quadrennial fire review and the impact of such  
4           changes on pre-fire mitigation, wildfire incident re-  
5           sponse, and proactive recovery from wildfire; and

6           (2) an analysis of the intersection between wild-  
7           fire and public health, conducted in coordination  
8           with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-  
9           tion Agency and Secretary of Health and Human  
10          Services, acting through the Center for Disease Con-  
11          trol and Prevention.

12          (b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
13          date of the enactment of this Act, and every 4 years for  
14          the 20 years thereafter, the Secretaries shall jointly sub-  
15          mit to the relevant committees a report that contains—

16                (1) the results of the reviews conducted under  
17                subsection (a) and specifies the administrative ac-  
18                tions and outcomes that have occurred as a result of  
19                such reviews;

20                (2) a summary of—

21                      (A) the challenges relating to wildfire that  
22                      are anticipated during the 20-year period imme-  
23                      diately following the report; and

24                      (B) the most significant long-term wildland  
25                      fire management challenges;

1           (3) recommendations regarding such Federal  
2       legislation and administrative actions as the Secre-  
3       taries determine necessary to address the results de-  
4       scribed in paragraph (1) and the challenges de-  
5       scribed in paragraph (2);

6           (4) an evaluation of any progress made to-  
7       ward—

8           (A) achieving the 3 goals established in the  
9       report of the Secretary of Agriculture and the  
10      Secretary of the Interior entitled “The National  
11      Strategy: the Final Phase of the Development  
12      of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Man-  
13      agement Strategy” (April 2014), as updated by  
14      the report entitled “National Cohesive Wildland  
15      Fire Management Strategy Addendum Update”  
16      (January 2023); and

17          (B) implementing recommendations set  
18      forth in the report of the Wildland Fire Mitiga-  
19      tion and Management Commission entitled  
20      “ON FIRE: The Report of the Wildland Fire  
21      Mitigation and Management Commission” (Sep-  
22      tember 2023); and

23          (5) projected future scenarios to highlight areas  
24      of consideration for realignment of programs, strate-  
25      gies, capabilities, and the workforce that will assist

1 the Secretaries in addressing the challenges de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (2).

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) QUALIFIED AGENCIES.—The term “quali-  
5 fied agencies” means—

6 (A) with respect to the Secretary of Agri-  
7 culture, the Forest Service;

8 (B) with respect to the Secretary of the In-  
9 terior, the Department of the Interior;

10 (C) with respect to the Secretary of Home-  
11 land Security, the Federal Emergency Manage-  
12 ment Agency and the United States Fire Ad-  
13 ministration; and

14 (D) such other entities as the Secretaries  
15 determine appropriate.

16 (2) RELEVANT COMMITTEES.—The term “rel-  
17 evant committees” means—

18 (A) the Committees on Natural Resources,  
19 Homeland Security, and Science, Space, and  
20 Technology of the House of Representatives;  
21 and

22 (B) the Committees on Energy and Nat-  
23 ural Resources, Governmental Affairs, and  
24 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
25 Senate.

1           (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”  
2       means the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of  
3       the Interior, and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
4       rity.

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