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[Report No. 119-]

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on existing programs, rules, and authorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation across land ownership boundaries on Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mrs. KIM, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. OBERNOLTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 11, 2025]

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 “Cross-Boundary Wild-*
5 *fire Solutions Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *COVERED AGENCY.*—*The term “covered agen-*
9 *cy” means—*

10 (A) *each Federal land management agency*
11 *(as defined in section 802 of the Federal Lands*
12 *Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801));*

13 (B) *the Natural Resources Conservation*
14 *Service;*

15 (C) *the Environmental Protection Agency;*

16 (D) *the Federal Emergency Management*
17 *Agency;*

18 (E) *the United States Fire Administration;*

19 (F) *States;*

20 (G) *Indian Tribes; and*

21 (H) *local governments.*

22 (2) *COVERED AUTHORITY.*—*The term “covered*
23 *authority” means—*

24 (A) *the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of*
25 *2003 (16 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.);*

1 (B) *the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act*
2 *of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.);*

3 (C) *the good neighbor authority under sec-*
4 *tion 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16*
5 *U.S.C. 2113a);*

6 (D) *the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004*
7 *(25 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.);*

8 (E) *the collaborative forest landscape res-*
9 *toration program under section 4003 of the Om-*
10 *nibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16*
11 *U.S.C. 7303); and*

12 (F) *any other statutory authority that fa-*
13 *cilitates cross-boundary wildfire mitigation or*
14 *forest health improvement activities, as deter-*
15 *mined by the Comptroller General of the United*
16 *States.*

17 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON WILDFIRE MITIGATION ACROSS LAND**
18 **OWNERSHIP BOUNDARIES.**

19 (a) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Comptroller General of*
20 *the United States shall conduct a study on—*

21 (1) *the existing Federal programs, rules, and au-*
22 *thorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation*
23 *from being completed across land ownership bound-*
24 *aries on Federal and non-Federal land;*

1 (2) *whether changes to any program, rule, or au-*
2 *thority (including changes to existing statutory defi-*
3 *nitions) identified pursuant to paragraph (1)*
4 *would—*

5 (A) *allow a covered agency increased capac-*
6 *ity or access to funding to mitigate wildfires or*
7 *improve forest health; and*

8 (B) *enable better community protection and*
9 *prevent the loss of structures due to wildfire; and*

10 (3) *the activities carried out pursuant to a cov-*
11 *ered authority, including—*

12 (A) *how to improve the efficacy of such ac-*
13 *tivities with respect to mitigating wildfire; and*

14 (B) *whether the enactment of such covered*
15 *authority has increased capacity or access to*
16 *funding to mitigate wildfires for a covered agen-*
17 *cy.*

18 (b) *REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date*
19 *of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the*
20 *United States shall submit to the Committee on Natural*
21 *Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of the House*
22 *of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-*
23 *ural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-*
24 *tion, and Forestry of the Senate a report that contains—*

1 (1) *the results of the study required under sub-*
2 *section (a); and*

3 (2) *recommendations to simplify cross-boundary*
4 *wildfire mitigation between Federal land manage-*
5 *ment agencies and State, local, and Tribal govern-*
6 *ments.*