

SENATE BILL SB-75

Introduced by Senator Megan Dahle (R-1)

An act relating to Rural Wildfire Prevention and Forest Waste Reduction Act. .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-75, Megan Dahle (R-1). Rural Wildfire Prevention and Forest Waste Reduction Act. .

Existing state programs support wildfire prevention, forest health, and vegetation management. However, rural communities may face financial and staffing limitations that make it difficult to complete projects that reduce hazardous vegetation and accumulated forest materials. This bill would establish the Rural Wildfire Prevention and Forest Waste Reduction Grant Program, administered by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The program would provide grants to eligible rural local governments, fire protection districts, resource conservation districts, and fire safe councils for projects that reduce wildfire hazards and support the productive use of forest biomass.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** yes.

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