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# From Preventing to Rebuilding: Wildfire Plans

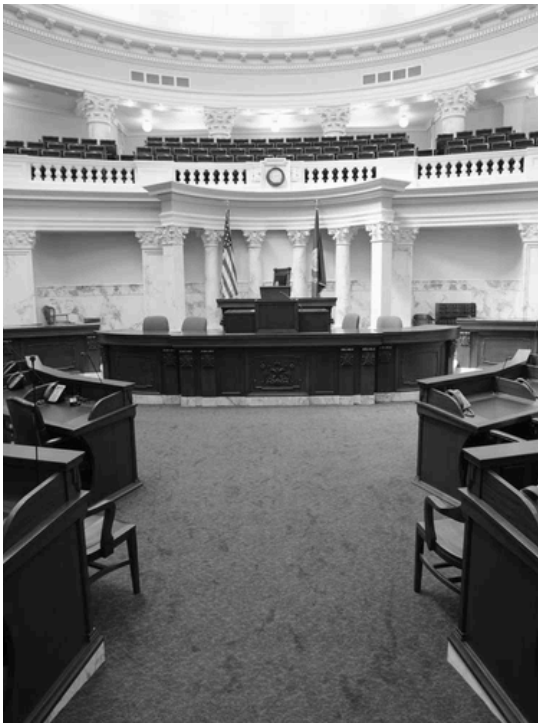
On September 30th 2026, California State Senators would submit their bills for the session on how they plan to help the citizens of California or would amend following bills.

## Out of 74 published bills, five of them laid down offers to improve wildfire readiness and help surviors





**"How can we see this affecting Los Angeles?"**



## The Disaster Recovery and Permitting Timeline Act

As Introduced by Senator Henry Stern, a Democrat from District 27, SB-19 is pushing to create permanent statewide process to speed up the rebuilding process of homes that were affected by wildfires when the current Governor declares a wildfire state of emergency. Tis would reduce permitting delays and help surviors of these wildfires build their homes as a faster and safer rates

We see that communities in the Los Angeles region who experience major wildfires could benefit from a standardized statewide process rather than having to rely on the local procedures. With this bill being supported by a Democrat, we can see it is likely to gain support from Senators in the surrounding districts.



## Wildfire Protection and Insurance Act

As Introduced by Senator Christopher Cabaldon, a Democrat from District 3, SB-42 would create a Wildfire Home Protection Program to help the homeowners pay for projects that help reduce wildfire risks. This would prioritize the lower and moderate-income households and communities that have been affected by wildfires in the past. Homeowners who would complete seven of these projects are eligible to receive a certificate, insurance, and reduced premiums. This bill being Democrat sponsored, we can see a influx of support, especially from senators who reside and represent the rural areas.




## Rural Wildfire Reduction Act

As introduced by Senator Dave Cortese, a Democrat from District 15, SB-44 is petitioning to require state California agencies to prioritize wildfire fuel-reduction projects in high-risk rural areas where vergetation could allow fires to spread quickly. This bill would implement measures to protect native plants and would schedule protected buring and grazing when it is appropriate.

One main potential concern with SB-44 is how the state would balance the need for aggressive wildfire fuel reduction with environmental protection? While there is an advocacy for rural areas recieving more funding, there still runs the risk of potential enviornmental impacts that some Senators can use to oppose the progression.

> “The goal is to break up large areas of flammable vegetation and help slow how quickly and how far wildfires can spread through rural areas.”



## Rural Wildfire Prevention and Forest Waste Reduction Act

As introduced by Senator Megan Dahle, a Republican from District 1, SB-75 would establish the "Rural Wildfire Prevention and Forest Waste Reduction Grant Program to provide grants to rural local governments for projects that can help reduce wildfire risks and support using organic matter from the forests for productive use. While SB-75 aims to assist the rural communities reduce wildfires, it raises questions of how "rural" communities would be defines and how much funding will be pulled out? The limited information being offered with the bill raises more questions as to where the money would come from and what is the determining factor for which communities receive these funds? This leads to possible tension and oppostition from the fellow Senators who are in need for additional funds for their own bills.

## California Forest Protection, FIrefighter Support, and Forest Restoration Act

As introduced by Senator Mike McGuire, a Democrat from District 2, SB-79 would establish the "California Forest Protection, Firefighter Support, and Fire Restoration Pilot Program" within CAL FIRE to provide more resources for wildfire prevention, forest management, and additional trainings. This bill would require $20,000,000 investment from the state General Fund to part between firefighter preparedness, forest restoration, and research for projects under this new program.

SB-79 has the possibility of bringing additional state resourced to Los Angeles communities that are currently as risk of facing wildfires.




## Five Bills, One Unknown Budget, What is the Move?

These five bills alone require a substantial of money to implement programs, offer grants, or expand other bills. It leads to the question of which bills would get the funds in the end and whether it would be enough to enact their goal?