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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6618

[Report No. 119-548]

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on drone incursions on wildfire suppression, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. BYNUM (for herself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MARCH 16, 2026

Additional sponsor: Ms. KAPTUR

MARCH 16, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 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 “Wildfire Aerial Response*
 5 *Safety Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON DRONE INCURSIONS ON WILDFIRE SUP-**
 7 **PRESSION.**

8 *(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

9 *(1) COUNTER-UASSYSTEM; UNMANNED AIRCRAFT*
 10 *SYSTEM.—The terms “counter-UAS system” and “un-*
 11 *manned aircraft system” have the meanings given*
 12 *such terms in section 44801 of title 49, United States*
 13 *Code.*

14 *(2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM INCURSION.—*
 15 *The term “unmanned aircraft system incursion”*
 16 *means the operation of an unmanned aircraft system*
 17 *within any airspace for which the Administrator of*
 18 *the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a*
 19 *temporary flight restriction because of a wildfire.*

20 *(b) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Administrator of the Fed-*
 21 *eral Aviation Administration, in consultation with the Sec-*
 22 *retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, act-*
 23 *ing through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall conduct*
 24 *a study on the effects of unmanned aircraft system incur-*
 25 *sions on wildfire suppression with respect to land managed*

1 *by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Ag-*
2 *riculture.*

3 (c) *STUDY CONTENTS.—In conducting the study re-*
4 *quired under subsection (b), the Administrator shall—*

5 (1) *determine, for each of the 5 most recent cal-*
6 *endar years—*

7 (A) *the number of occurrences in which a*
8 *unmanned aircraft system incursion has inter-*
9 *fered with wildfire suppression; and*

10 (B) *the estimated effect of each occurrence*
11 *described in subparagraph (A) on—*

12 (i) *the length of time required to*
13 *achieve complete suppression;*

14 (ii) *any associated delay in the field-*
15 *ing of aerial firefighting response units; and*

16 (iii) *the amounts expended by the Fed-*
17 *eral Government; and*

18 (2) *evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of—*

19 (A) *the dissemination of educational mate-*
20 *rials relating to the effects of unmanned aircraft*
21 *system incursions on wildfire suppression oper-*
22 *ations; and*

23 (B) *the deployment of approved counter-*
24 *UAS systems by authorized entities as a means*

1 to detect, mitigate, and prevent unmanned air-
2 craft system incursions during such operations.

3 (d) *REPORT.*—Not later than 18 months after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
5 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the
6 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on Com-
7 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Appro-
9 priations, and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
10 structure of the House of Representatives a report describ-
11 ing—

12 (1) the findings of the study required under sub-
13 section (b); and

14 (2) any recommendations relating to those find-
15 ings.

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