

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2410

To promote wildland firefighter safety.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2004

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Wildland Firefighter
5 Safety Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY.**

7 (a) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this section, the
8 term “Secretary” means—

9 (1) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect
10 to public lands (as defined in section 103 of the
11 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

1 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), the surface of which is adminis-
2 tered by the Secretary of the Interior, acting
3 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
4 agement; and

5 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to
6 land of the National Forest System (as defined in
7 section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-
8 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.
9 1609(a))) administered by the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Serv-
11 ice.

12 (b) **FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND TRAINING BUDG-**
13 **ET.**—The Secretary shall—

14 (1) track funds expended for firefighter safety
15 and training programs and activities; and

16 (2) include a line item for such expenditures in
17 each budget request submitted after the date of en-
18 actment of this Act.

19 (c) **ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Secre-
20 taries shall, on an annual basis, jointly submit to Congress
21 a report on the implementation and efficacy of wildland
22 firefighter safety and training programs and activities.

23 (d) **SAFETY QUALIFICATION OF PRIVATE CONTRAC-**
24 **TORS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall ensure
2 that any Federal contract or agreement entered into
3 with a private entity for wildland firefighting serv-
4 ices requires the entity to provide firefighter training
5 that is consistent with qualification standards estab-
6 lished by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

7 (2) COMPLIANCE.—The Secretaries shall de-
8 velop a program to monitor and enforce compliance
9 with the requirements of paragraph (1).

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