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# H. R. 1066

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. STEWART, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 Recovery  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE.**

2 Section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
3 and Emergency Assistance Act is amended by adding at  
4 the end the following:

5 “(f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of assist-  
6 ance under this section shall be not less than 75 percent  
7 of the eligible cost, as set forth in the regulations, of such  
8 assistance.”.

9 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-  
12 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and  
13 in consultation with the heads of relevant Federal depart-  
14 ments and agencies, including the Department of Agri-  
15 culture and the Department of Interior, shall conduct and  
16 complete a rulemaking to develop guidelines and a rule  
17 that establishes thresholds for cases in which the Federal  
18 cost share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-  
19 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
20 5187) may be increased. Such thresholds shall use a fire-  
21 specific metric to determine fire damage referred to in  
22 subsection (a) of such section, and recommend a Federal  
23 cost share adjustment for fire damage that meets the es-  
24 tablished thresholds. The Administrator shall follow all no-

1 tice and comment requirements set forth in section 553  
2 of title 5, United States Code, for such rulemaking.

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