

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 836

To require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Emergency Wildfire
5 Fighting Technology Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTAINER AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM**
2 **(CAFFS).**

3 (a) EVALUATION.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
5 culture and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
6 with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the
7 Interagency Airtanker Board, shall jointly conduct an
8 evaluation of the container aerial firefighting system to as-
9 sess the use of such system to mitigate and suppress
10 wildfires.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
13 and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
14 National Interagency Aviation Committee and the Inter-
15 agency Airtanker Board, shall jointly submit to the appro-
16 priate committees a report that includes the results of the
17 evaluation required under subsection (a).

18 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this
19 section, the term “appropriate committees” means—

20 (1) the Committees on Agriculture and Natural
21 Resources of the House of Representatives; and

22 (2) the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition,
23 and Forestry and Energy and Natural Resources of
24 the Senate.

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