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H. R. 956

To amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. VASQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and 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 “Aerial Firefighting En-
5 hancement Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF AU-**
2 **THORITY FOR SALE BY DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS FOR WILD-**
4 **FIRE SUPPRESSION PURPOSES.**

5 Section 2 of the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Trans-
6 fer Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–307; 10 U.S.C. 2576
7 note) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (A) by striking “a period” and inserting
10 “the period”; and

11 (B) by inserting “or water” after “fire re-
12 tardant”;

13 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “sold under
14 subsection (a)” and all that follows through the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “sold under subsection
16 (a) may be used only for the provision of aircraft
17 services for wildfire suppression purposes.”;

18 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “or water”
19 after “fire retardant”;

20 (4) in subsection (d)(1), in the second sentence,
21 by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “sub-
22 section (g)”;

23 (5) by striking subsection (g) and inserting the
24 following:

1 “(g) PERIOD FOR EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—The
2 period specified in this subsection is the period beginning
3 on October 1, 2025, and ending on October 1, 2035.”.

