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Bill	Title	Summary	Status	Current Committee
AB 66	Wildfire Prevention: vegetation management	This bill would, until January 1, 2032, exempt from CEQA egress route projects undertaken by a public agency to improve emergency access to and evacuation from a subdivision without a secondary egress route if the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has recommended the creation of a secondary access to the subdivision and certain conditions are met. The bill would require the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project is exempt. The bill would require the lead agency, if it determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and approves or carries out that project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and with the clerk of the county in which the project will be located.	6/9: Senate read first time to Committee on RLS for assignment. 7/16 withdrawn by author.	
AB 232	An act to add Division 21 (commencing with Section 60000) to the Financial Code, and to amend Section 17072 of, and to add Sections 17141.8 and 17207.15 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to natural disasters, to take effect immediately, tax levy.	This bill, until January 1, 2030, would authorize a homeowner to establish one catastrophe savings account that, among other things, has the specified purpose of covering the amount of insurance deductibles and other uninsured portions of risks of loss from wildfire, flood, or earthquake.	5/23: held under submission	N/A
AB 238	An act to add Title 19.1 (commencing with Section 3273.20) to Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, relating to wildfire relief, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.	This bill would require a mortgage servicer to, with no additional documentation required other than the borrower’s attestation to a financial hardship caused by the wildfire disaster and with no fees, penalties, or interest, provide the forbearance for up to 180 days, which may be extended for an additional period of up to 180 days at the request of the borrower. The bill would also prohibit a mortgage servicer from initiating any foreclosure process, moving for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, or executing a foreclosure-related eviction or foreclosure sale. This is specific to those impacted by the LA Fires.	To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes. Conduct a study, develop a plan, to streamline collection of information from disaster assistance applicants and grantees.	N/A

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AB 239	State-led County of Los Angeles Disaster Housing Task Force	This bill would require HCD and OES to jointly convene a state-led County of Los Angeles disaster housing task force, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating and streamling efforts between HCD, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, OES, and local governments to rebuild housing in communities impacted by the wildfires that began on January 7, 2025, in the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require the task force to appoint a state disaster housing coordinator to accelerate the delivery of resources to communities impacted by the wildfires. The bill would require the task force to report to the Legislature on the status of rebuilding housing in communities impacted by the wildfires, on April 1, 2026, and every quarter thereafter, as specified.	6/3: Read first time Senate Cmte on RLS 9/8 Enrolled to the Goveror	N/A
AB 241	Wildfire and vegetation management voluntary tax contribution	This bill would also allow an individual to designate on their tax return that a specified amount in excess of their tax liability be transferred to the continuously appropriated Wildfire and Vegetation Management Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund, which would be created by this bill. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise the tax return form to include a space for the designation of contributions to the fund when another voluntary designation is removed from the form or there is space, whichever occurs first. By establishing a new continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.	3/17 pulled by author	N/A

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AB 261	Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones: State Fire Marshal.	This bill would, as applied to both state responsibility areas and lands that are not state responsibility areas, authorize the State Fire Marshal, in periods between the State Fire Marshal’s review of areas of the state for recommendations regarding an area’s fire hazard severity zone, to confer with entities, including, but not limited to, public agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, project applicants, and members of the public, on actions that may impact the degree of fire hazard in an area or the area’s recommended fire hazard severity zone designation. The bill would authorize the State Fire Marshal to provide a written response to an entity on actions that may impact the degree of fire hazard, and would require this written response to be posted on the State Fire Marshal’s internet website	5/29: Senate referred to Cmte on RLS 8/29: Held under submission	
AB 262	California Individual Assistance Act	This bill would enact the California Individual Assistance Act to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local agencies, community-based organizations, and individuals for specified costs related to a disaster, as prescribed. The bill would require the director to allocate from the fund, subject to specified conditions, funds to meet the cost of expenses for those purposes. By authorizing increased expenditure of moneys from a continuously appropriated fund for a new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation. This bill would require the director to adopt regulations, as determined to be necessary, to govern the administration of the program. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.	6/3: Senate referred to Com on RLS 6/11: Referred to Cmte on GO	
AB 270		This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a pilot program to equip the state with the nation’s first testbed autonomous firefighting helicopter and the associated configuration, familiarization, and training activities to transition the aircraft into operational use. The bill would include related legislative findings.	5/23: held under submission	N/A

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AB 275	Office of Emergency Services: wildfire response: SoCal Edison-funded helitanker program	Existing law requires electrical corporations to construct, maintain, and operate their electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by those electrical lines and equipment. Existing law requires an electrical corporation to develop, adopt, and update an emergency and disaster preparedness plan and a wildfire mitigation plan, as specified. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to make the SoCal Edison-funded Quick Reaction Force firefighting helitanker program permanent and maintained by the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would make related findings and declarations.	4/28: held by author	N/A
AB 294	Recovery from disaster or emergency: funding priority	This bill would authorize the OES to prioritize funding and technical assistance under specified programs, including, but not limited to, for infrastructure and housing recovery projects, in communities that suffered a loss in population and businesses due to a major federal disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency and have unmet recovery needs as a result of a major federal disaster, state of emergency, or local emergency.	5/23: held under submission	N/A
AB 299	Motels, Hotels, and short-term lodging; Los Angeles County; Wildfires	Under this bill, the continued occupancy of a guest of a motel, hotel, or short-term lodging, as defined, would not constitute a new tenancy and the guest would not be considered a person who hires for purposes of an unlawful detainer action, if the guest is living in the motel, hotel, or short-term lodging as a result of losing their residence in a wildfire in the County of Los Angeles.	5/7: Senate referred to Cmte on Jud 9/8: Ordered to third reading.	N/A
AB 307	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: fire camera mapping system	This bill would require, of the \$25,000,000 made available to the department, \$10,000,000 be allocated for purposes of the ALERTCalifornia fire camera mapping system.	3/24: held by author	N/A

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AB 338	Workforce development: Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura: 2025 wildfires	This bill would appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000 from the General Fund to the California Workforce Development Board to allocate to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and the Economic Development Collaborative to train, upskill, and retrain underemployed and unemployed low- to moderate-income individuals to support the rebuilding and recovery of areas in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura impacted by the 2025 wildfires. The bill would require those local workforce development boards to demonstrate quality standards and practices, as specified, and to focus on employment in jobs in certain professions and industries, including construction, firefighting, and health care, and other areas essential to emergency response, disaster relief recovery and mitigation, and rebuilding. The bill would require individuals participating in programs funded by the bill to have access to expedited licensing and certification.	6/4: Senate referred to Cmte on RLS 9/11: Amended. Enrolling.	N/A
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AB 367	County Water Districts: County of Venturas: Fire Suppression	This bill would require a water district that supplies water to more than 20 residential dwellings that is used for the suppression of fire in either a high or very high risk fire hazard severity zone in the County of Ventura to have a backup energy source with sufficient power to promptly operate wells and pumps servicing the high or very high risk hazard severity zone at normal capacity for at least 24 hours in the case of a power shutoff unless the relevant water delivery systems are gravity fed and do not need any backup power to continue to operate during a power shutoff. The bill would require the Ventura County Fire Department to annually inspect facilities that provide water, as specified. The bill would require a water district to take various actions, including alerting the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services whenever its water delivery capacity has been reduced due to equipment failure or maintenance. The bill would require, if any fire destroys more than 10 residential dwellings or causes more than \$3,000,000 in damages to any residential dwelling in a specified water district, a report be made by the water district where the fire occurred and the Ventura County Fire Department that assesses the appropriateness of the water delivery system, as specified. This bill would create a state-mandated local program.	6/11: Senate Referred to Cmte on Resources W and Loc G 9/11: Sent to Enrolling.	N/A
AB 270		This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a pilot program to equip the state with the nation’s first testbed autonomous firefighting helicopter and the associated configuration, familiarization, and training activities to transition the aircraft into operational use. The bill would include related legislative findings.	5/23: held under submission	N/A

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AB 372	Office of Emergency Services: state matching funds: water system infrastructure improvements	This bill, contingent on funding being appropriated pursuant to a bond act, as specified, would establish the Rural Water Infrastructure for Wildfire Resilience Program within the OES for the distribution of state matching funds to communities within the Wildland Urban Interface in designated high fire hazard severity zones or very high fire hazard severity zones to improve water system infrastructure, as prescribed. The bill would require the OES to work in coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and other state entities as the OES determines to be appropriate, to achieve the purposes of the program. The bill would require the OES to develop criteria and a scoring methodology to prioritize the distribution of state matching funds provided under the program to rural communities based upon specified criteria.	6/11: Senate Referred to Cmte on GO and Natural Resources W 9/3: Referred to inactive file.	N/A
AB 376	Personal Income Tax Law: exclusion: insurance proceeds; wildfires	This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, would provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, as qualified insurance proceeds. The bill would define qualified insurance proceeds for this purpose to mean any amount received under a homeowner’s insurance policy or a renter’s insurance policy for damages or expenses resulting from a fire occurring in an area that is proclaimed by the Governor to be in a state of emergency.	4/28: placed in suspence file	N/A

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AB 380	Price Gouging	Under existing law, upon the proclamation of a state of emergency by the President of the United States or the Governor, or upon the declaration of a local emergency by the executive officer of any county, city, or city and county, and for 30 days or 180 days, as specified, following the proclamation or declaration of emergency, it is a misdemeanor for a person, contractor, business, or other entity to sell or offer to sell certain goods or services for a price of more than 10% greater than the price charged by that person immediately prior to the proclamation or declaration of emergency. This bill would instead make that misdemeanor applicable for the duration of that proclamation or declaration. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	6/5: Senate read first time. Referred to Cmte on RLS 8/29: held under submission.	N/A
AB 426	Local Agencies: Civil penalty for impeding emergency response with drone	This bill would authorize a local agency to impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$75,000 upon a person who operates or uses an unmanned aerial vehicle, remote piloted aircraft, or drone at the scene of an emergency and thereby impedes firefighters, peace officers, medical personnel, military personnel, or other emergency personnel in the performance of their fire suppression, law enforcement, or emergency response duties, unless the person has a federal operational waiver, as specified.	6/9: Senate read first time to Committee on RLS for assignment. 8/29: Held under submission.	
AB 438	Authorized emergency vehicles	This bill would expand the definition of “authorized emergency vehicle” for these purposes to include any vehicle owned or operated by a county, city, or city and county office of emergency services or a similar emergency entity established by local ordinance only while that vehicle is used in responding to a wildfire	6/10: Senate referred to Comm on Appr. 9/11: On Governor's Desk	
AB 270		This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a pilot program to equip the state with the nation’s first testbed autonomous firefighting helicopter and the associated configuration, familiarization, and training activities to transition the aircraft into operational use. The bill would include related legislative findings.	5/23: held under submission	N/A

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AB 514	Water: emergency water supplies	This bill would declare that it is the established policy of the state to encourage, but not mandate, the development of emergency water supplies by local water suppliers, and to support their use during times of drought or unplanned service or supply disruption, as provided.	5/23: held under submission	
AB 550	Fire prevention: grant programs: reporting	guttred for species act modifications		
AB 591	Emergency services: mutual aid: public works	This bill would additionally state that it is the purpose of the Legislature to facilitate the rendering of public works resources critical for disaster response and recovery to areas stricken by an emergency. The bill would require that outside aid rendered during any state of war emergency or state of emergency includes public works personnel, equipment, and materials. The bill would also require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with relevant local and state public works agencies, to develop and adopt a Public Works Emergency Mutual Aid Plan to ensure the systematic and efficient mobilization of public works resources during emergencies. By imposing requirements on public works agencies, which includes local public works agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.	5/23: held under submission	
AB 624	Office of Emergency Services: federal grant fundnig; community relief act	This bill would require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide to local operational areas and urban areas the maximum local share of federal grant funding administered by the office from the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. The bill would also require the OES, to the extent permitted by federal law, to provide specified legislative committees with copies of agreements entered into with local governments to spend the state share of federal grant funding administered by the office from specified federal grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program. The bill would authorize the office to retain up to 3% of the above-described federal grant funding for administrative purposes.	4/28: held by author twice	

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AB 846	Vegetation Management	Would have authorized a city, county, city and county, special district, or other local agency to submit to the department a wildfire preparedness plan to conduct wildfire preparedness activities on land designated as a fire hazard severity zone, as defined, that minimizes impacts to wildlife and habitat for candidate, threatened, and endangered species. The bill would require the wildfire preparedness plan to include, among other things, a brief description of the planned wildfire preparedness activities, the approximate dates for the activities, and a description of the candidate, endangered, and threatened species within the plan area. The bill would require the department, if sufficient information is included in the wildfire preparedness plan for the department to determine if an incidental take permit is required, to notify the local agency within 90 days of receipt of the wildfire preparedness plan if an incidental take permit or other permit is needed, or if there are other considerations, exemptions, or streamlined pathways that the wildfire preparedness activities qualify for, including, but not limited to, the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection’s California Vegetation Treatment Program.	6/11: Senate referred to Cmte on Natural Resources 8/29: Held under submission.	
AB 270		This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a pilot program to equip the state with the nation’s first testbed autonomous firefighting helicopter and the associated configuration, familiarization, and training activities to transition the aircraft into operational use. The bill would include related legislative findings.	5/23: held under submission	N/A
AB 1075	private firefighters	This bill would additionally require the office to develop regulations prohibiting privately contracted firefighters from hooking up their equipment to public water sources	6/10: Senate re-referred to Cmte on Natural Resources 9/9: Enrolled	

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AB 470	carriers of last resort	This bill establishes a process that requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to allow a telephone corporation to relinquish its status as a “carrier of last resort” (COLR). This bill also establishes certain requirements for a COLR seeking to relinquish its obligation to provide telephone service and requires the CPUC to cease imposing certain rate and regulatory requirements on a telephone corporation that relinquishes its COLR designation.	7/17/25: re-referred to Senate Appropriations Cmte 9/9: Enrolled	
AB 478	pet evacuation	Upon the next update to a city’s or county’s emergency plan, would require a city or county to update its emergency plan to designate procedures for certain persons or entities to be able to rescue a pet, as defined, from an area subject to an evacuation order, <i>as defined</i> , subject to approval by the incident commander or emergency management authority, that at the time of the evacuation the pet’s owner believed to be alive. The bill would require that the procedures establish timelines or conditions in which rescues can occur as safely as possible. The bill would specify that nothing in these provisions is to be construed to grant any person the absolute right to reenter an evacuation zone, and would require all reentry to be subject to incident conditions and approval by the designated incident commander or emergency management authority. T	7/16/25: referred to Senate Appropriations. 9/11: Ordered to Assembly	

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SB 90	Seyarto	Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: grants: improvements to public evacuation routes: mobile rigid water storage	This bill would include in the list of eligible projects grants to the above-mentioned entities for improvements to public evacuation routes in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, mobile rigid dip tanks, as defined, to support firefighting efforts, prepositioned mobile rigid water storage, as defined, and improvements to the response and effectiveness of fire engines and helicopters.	5/23: held under submission	Senate Committee on Governmental Organization
SB 222	Wiener	Climate Disasters: Civil Actions	An individual or insurer can bring civil action or seek damages if an entity created a climate change-related disaster	4/8: reconsideration - 2 yr bill	N/A
SB 223	Alvarado-Gil	The Wildfire Smoke and Health Outcomes Data Act	To amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes . Conduct a study, develop a plan, to streamline collection of information from disaster assistance applicants and grantees.	5/2: Senate held in appropriations	N/A
SB 352	Reyes, D	California Emergency Services Act	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to evacuation plans for individuals that have access and functional needs.	6/5: Assembly: referred to Cmte on Aging GUTTED and AMENDED for air monitoring	On Governor's Desk for signature

SB 465	Perez & Padilla	California Alert	This bill would require CalOES to establish a statewide emergency alert system called California Alert. The bill would require the office to contract with a private vendor that provides alerting systems to send California Alerts to registered phone numbers that are not location based. The bill would require the office to establish standards for issuing emergency alerts to California residents across local jurisdictional boundaries.	5/23: held under submission in App	
SB 90		Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: grants: improvements to public evacuation routes: mobile rigid water storage: electrical generators	issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient farms, ranches, and working lands, park creation and outdoor access, and clean air programs. The act makes \$135,000,000 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Office of Emergency Services for a wildfire mitigation grant program to provide, among other things, loans, direct assistance, and matching funds for projects that prevent wildfires, increase resilience, maintain existing wildfire risk reduction projects, reduce the risk of wildfires to communities, or increase home or community hardening.	5/23: held under submission in App	

SB 488	Limon	Safety element: local hazard mitigation plan.	This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in the provision that authorizes a city or county to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan.	2/26: did not come out of RSL Cmte	
SB 629	Cortese	Wildfires: fire hazard severity zones: defensible space, vegetation management, and fuel modification enforcement	This bill would require the factors on which the fire severity zones are based to include areas within the perimeter of a wildfire that burned 1,000 or more acres, destroyed more than 10 structures, or resulted in a fatality, and to include areas at risk for an urban conflagration that accounts for the potential for structures to serve as a fuel source that extends the ember cast outside of wildland areas. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal to update the designations in the next review and all subsequent reviews, and to publish the model and methodology used to develop the fire hazard severity zones on its internet website at least 60 days before finalizing those designations. This bill would require a city or county to designate, by ordinance, an area in its jurisdiction that is within the perimeter of a wildfire described above occurring on or after January 1, 2025, as a very high fire hazard severity zone within a specified timeframe, but would authorize a city or county to exclude such an area if it makes findings, as specified, that the none of the state fire protection standards, as defined, are necessary for effective fire protection within the area.	6/09: in Assembly referred to Cmte on Emg Mgt and Natural Resources 9/3: ordered to third reading.	

SB 234	Niello	Wildfires: Workgroup: Toxic Heavy Metals	This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control, in consultation with specified entities, to form a workgroup related to exposure of toxic heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would require the workgroup to do certain things, including establishing best practices and recommendations for wildfire-impacted communities and first responders to avoid exposure to heavy metals after a wildfire. The bill would authorize the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to contract with public universities, research institutions, and other technical experts to support the work of the workgroup. The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to report their findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2027.	6/5: In Assembly referred to Cmte on Natural Resources 8/29: held under submission	
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SB 629	Cortese	Wildfires: fire hazard severity zones: defensible space, vegetation management, and fuel modification enforcement	This bill would require the factors on which the fire severity zones are based to include areas within the perimeter of a wildfire that burned 1,000 or more acres, destroyed more than 10 structures, or resulted in a fatality, and to include areas at risk for an urban conflagration that accounts for the potential for structures to serve as a fuel source that extends the ember cast outside of wildland areas. The bill would require the State Fire Marshal to update the designations in the next review and all subsequent reviews, and to publish the model and methodology used to develop the fire hazard severity zones on its internet website at least 60 days before finalizing those designations. This bill would require a city or county to designate, by ordinance, an area in its jurisdiction that is within the perimeter of a wildfire described above occurring on or after January 1, 2025, as a very high fire hazard severity zone within a specified timeframe, but would authorize a city or county to exclude such an area if it makes findings, as specified, that the none of the state fire protection standards, as defined, are necessary for effective fire protection within the area.	6/09: in Assembly referred to Cmte on Emg Mgt and Natural Resources 9/3: ordered to third reading.	
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