



Wildfire Policy and Public Health

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About the National Fire Protection Association

Global non-profit devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.

- Support for development, adoption, and enforcement of codes and standards
- Research and data analysis
- Technical training and certification
- Public education
- Outreach and advocacy

FAST FACTS

- Founded in 1896
- More than 60,000 members
- 6,000 volunteers
- 275+ technical code development committees
- 300 codes and standards
- 300 employees

A Call to End the Destruction of Communities by Wildfire in 30 Years



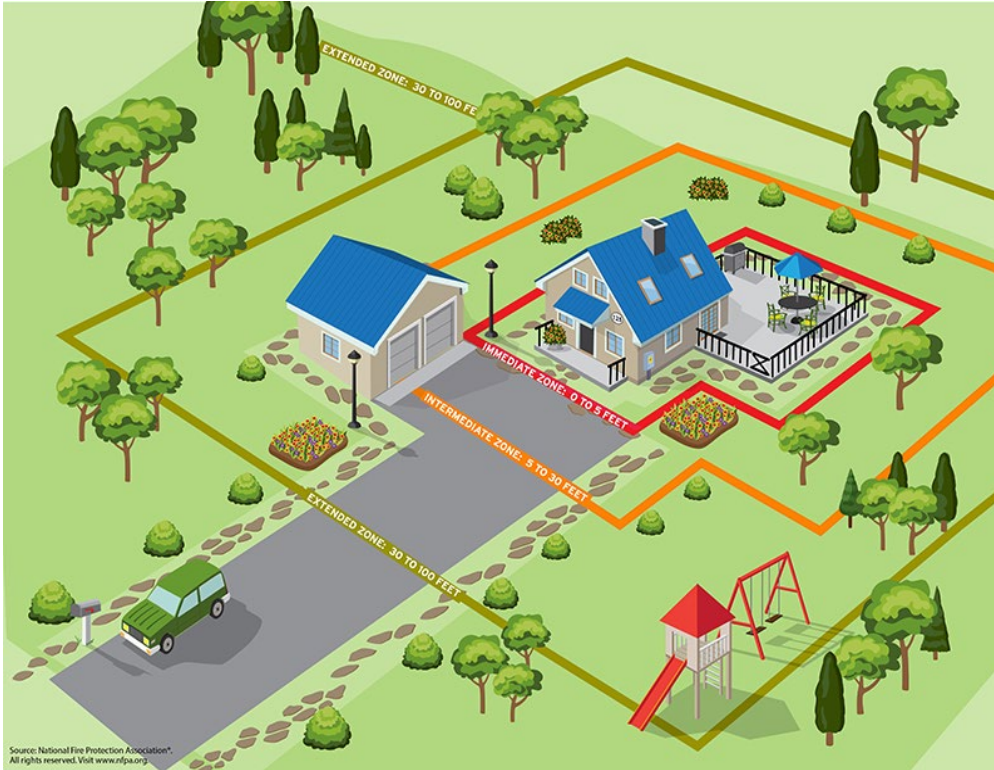
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Outthink Wildfire: Five Action Policies



Action Policy #1- Retrofit Homes and Communities



- Developing a wildfire risk mitigation workforce
- Improving access to funding for home safety upgrades
- Improving education on risk and risk reduction
- Addressing social and cultural challenges --equity

#2 - Current codes and standards, as well as sound land use practices must be in use and enforced for new development and rebuilding in wildfire-prone areas.



- Plan development that addresses wildfire safety.
 - Where we are building, how, and with what material
- Planners and local leaders.
 - Involve them in process, get their support, and hold them accountable
- Solution must be scalable

#3 - Fire departments for communities in the WUI must be prepared to respond safely and effectively to wildfire



- First responders must be properly prepared and equipped.
- Fitness and health standards
- Mutual aid agreements.

#4 - Government must increase resources for vegetative fuel management



- More funding to fuel treatment.
 - Prescribed burns, thinning
- U.S. Forest Service should embrace coordinating across jurisdictions.
- Track the progress made in wildfire risk reduction.

#5 - The public must understand its role and take action in reducing wildfire risk



- A more informed public and engaged community
- Understanding the “Home Ignition Zone”
- Developing a skilled workforce.

Wildfire Legislative Year in Review 2025



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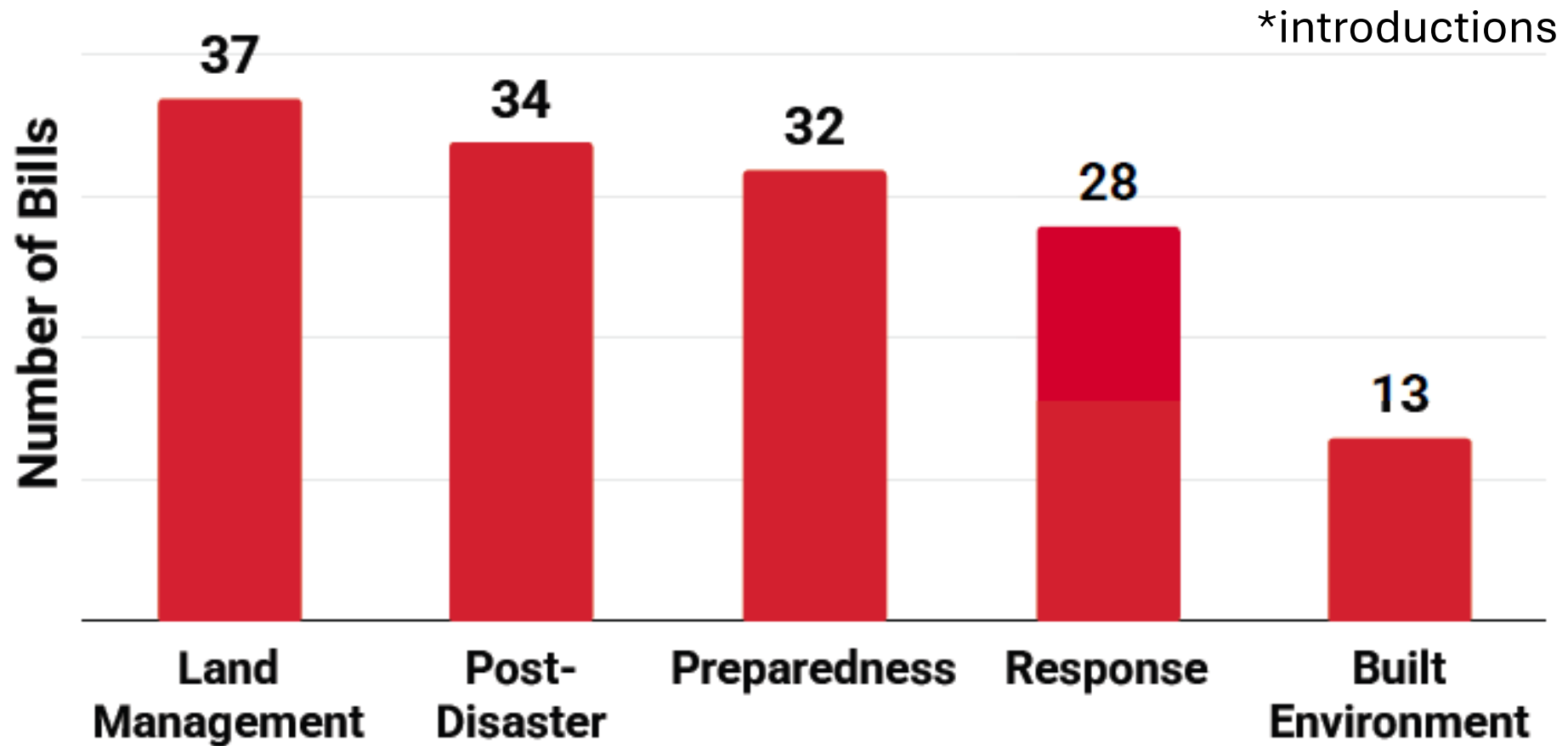
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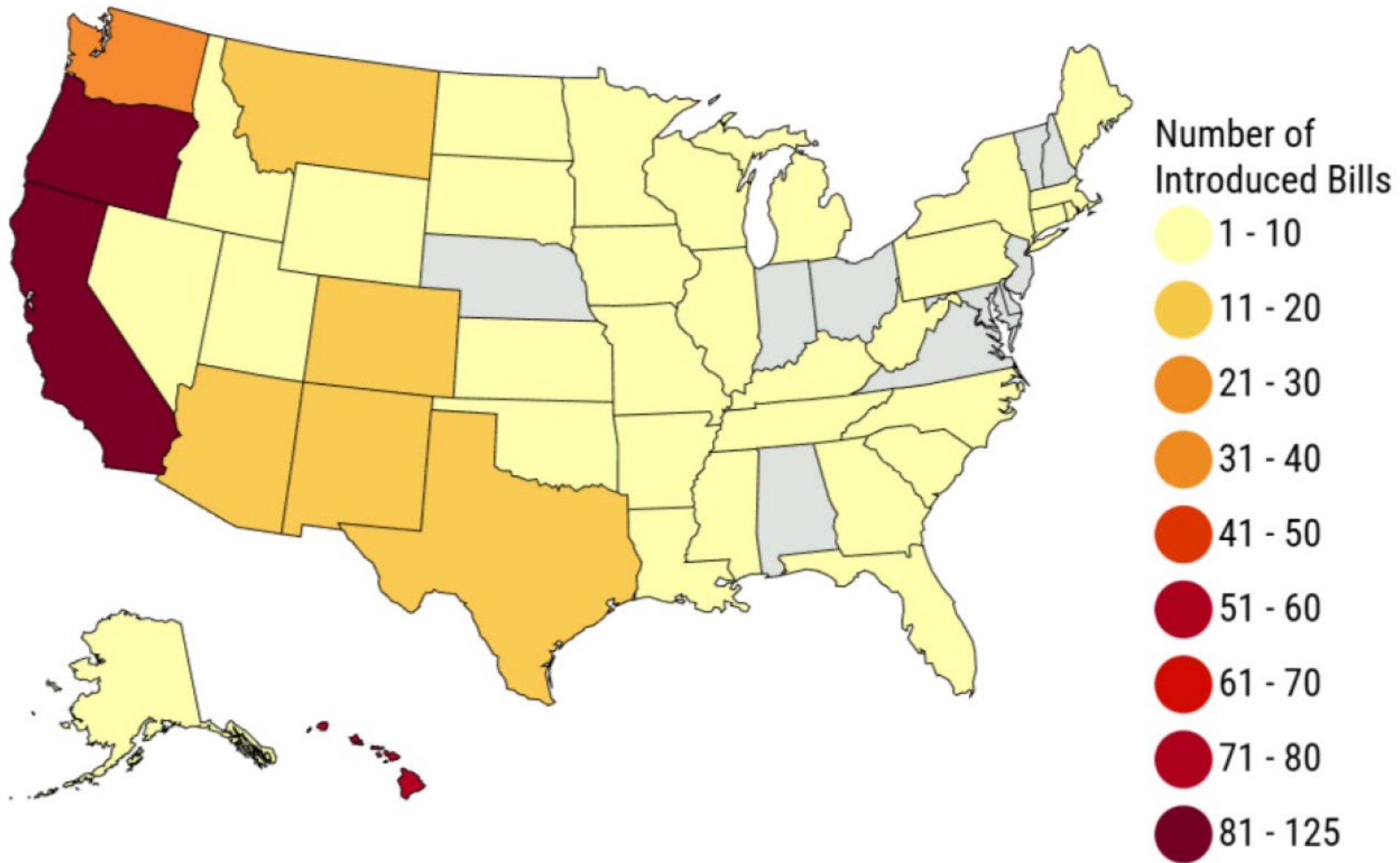


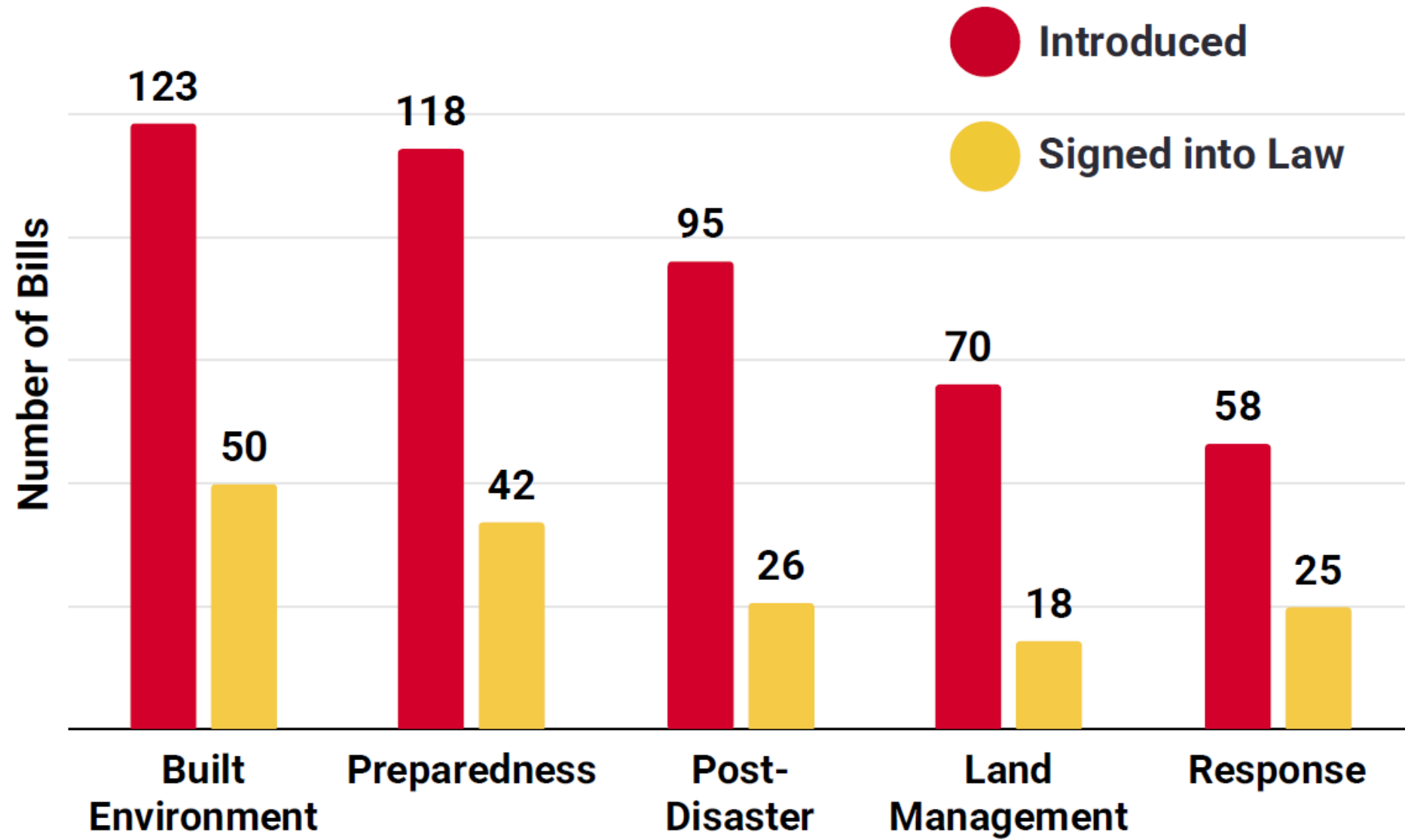
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2025 Congressional Trends







Challenges We Face

- Uncertainty of federal departments and programming
 - FEMA shake-up, US Forest Service staffing, federal wildland fire consolidation
- Anti-regulatory trends
- Shifting financial and administrative costs from federal level to state level
- Navigating a new approach to wildfires
 - Economic vs. environmental approach

Wildfire Policy Looking Ahead

- Greater focus on state-based legislation, while staying involved with Congress
- Continue to champion prevention-based approaches
- Publish opinion pieces and analyses of introduced legislation
- Increase advocacy by attending and presenting at events and hearings
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