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ICYMI: As Wildfire Season Rages On, Two Landmark Wildfire Bills – SB 326 and AB 888 – Await Gov. Newsom’s Signature

With wildfire season underway, two landmark bills — SB 326 and AB 888 — await Gov. Newsom’s signature. And despite widespread support, the governor’s signature is not guaranteed. Together, these bills will strengthen California’s frontline defense against wildfires, stabilize insurance markets, and make communities safer.

SB 326 — perhaps the most consequential wildfire mitigation bill since the January fires — establishes a statewide wildfire risk mitigation framework, giving CAL FIRE the ability to prioritize high-risk areas for defensible space, fuel breaks, and other proven mitigation tools. By focusing investments where they deliver the greatest return, SB 326 reduces risk, protects families, and saves billions in avoided damages.

Recently, The Sacramento Bee [published an opinion piece](#) in support of SB 326 from Matt Weiner, founder and CEO of Megafire Action. Weiner argued “The return on investment is clear: focusing mitigation on the highest-risk places saves far more in damages than it costs up front. [One wildfire analytics firm found that \\$9 million in targeted investments](#) in defensible space and fuel breaks could have prevented the billions in losses from the Eaton Fire. SB 326 will help California make those investments and put our state on the path toward long term resilience.”

AB 888 helps families make the upgrades that matter most — replacing unsafe roofs and creating five-foot noncombustible home buffers — while expanding equity by directing grants to low-income households in high fire hazard zones. The bill also builds in accountability through reporting requirements that will give the state insight into consumer access to insurance discounts and market stability.

If you’re interested in learning more about these bills or the impact they would have on Californians, please don’t hesitate to reach out to press@megafire.org.

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