



ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT AB 2238 (Aguiar-Curry) – SUPPORT

May 8, 2018

To: Honorable Members of the California State Assembly

Re: AB 2238 (Aguiar-Curry) Local agency formation: regional housing need allocation: fire hazards: local health emergencies: hazardous and medical waste.

Position: SUPPORT

The above organizations are pleased to support AB 2238 (Aguiar-Curry), relating to fire prevention assistance. This bill amends the list of information that must be considered by local government agencies for long-term general plans for development to include any maps that identify the land as a very high fire hazard zone or maps that identify land determined to be a state responsibility area if the information is relevant.

The 2017 wildfires were the largest and most destructive in California's history. Since then, the insurance industry has been working diligently to help customers rebuild their homes, replace their personal property, and restore their lives. With the increase in these destructive wildfires now considered the "new normal," we must also focus on the long-term.

As the state looks forward, it is critical that we move towards long-term, comprehensive solutions that can reduce future risk and increase resilience for the next time disaster strikes. Improved forest management, increased home and community mitigation efforts, and enhanced emergency response systems are all key components to ensuring California is better prepared to address and to recover from a disaster.

For these reasons, we support AB 2238 as a positive step towards managing development in our forests to help prevent future destruction of communities. We respectfully urge your AYE vote.

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