

Rural County Representatives of California Supported Bill – AB-524 (Bigelow) - Allocating Butte Fire Settlements Clears First Senate Committee

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August 27, 2017 - On Tuesday, [Assembly Bill 524](#) by Assembly Member [Frank Bigelow](#) (R-O'Neals) passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee by a unanimous vote.

The bill, which carries an urgency clause, and will need a two-thirds vote to pass off the floor, would allocate more than \$8 million in penalties and settlements from utilities that were found negligent in contributing to the 2015 Butte Fire to wildfire prevention and tree mortality mitigation grant programs.

The RCRC-supported measure's next stop is the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee, with the hearing date yet to be set.

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