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INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Enhancing California's Resiliency to Natural Catastrophes: Senate Bill 254 (2025) Study Report

Focusing on Electric Utility-Related Policy Recommendations

1021 O Street, Room 1200
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
9:00am

I. Welcome/Introduction

- Senator Ben Allen, Chairman
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

II. Presentation of SB 254 Study Report and Agency Contributions

- Tom Welsh, Chief Executive Officer
California Earthquake Authority, Administrator of the Wildfire Fund
- Dr. Laurie A. Johnson, SB 254 Research Study Director
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III. Stakeholder Perspectives

- Joy Chen, Executive Director
Every Fire Survivor's Network
- Tyson Smith, Vice President, Law, Strategy and Policy,
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- Fernando Valero, Executive Director of Strategic Issues
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A Member of California Municipal Utilities Association
- Mark Toney, Ph.D., Executive Director
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- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, Legislative Advocate
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IV. Public Comments