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# H. R. 8162

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2022

Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Service Law  
5 Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. FILLING VACANCIES AND INCREASING NUMBER OF**  
2 **POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE FOREST SERV-**  
3 **ICE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGA-**  
4 **TIONS ORGANIZATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, act-  
6 ing through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall—

7 (1) fill all vacancies in the Forest Service Law  
8 Enforcement and Investigations organization; and

9 (2) upon filling such vacancies, increase the  
10 number of positions available in the Forest Service  
11 Law Enforcement and Investigations organization.

12 (b) PRIORITY.—In seeking to fill vacancies and in-  
13 crease the number of positions under subsection (a), the  
14 Secretary shall prioritize filling vacancies and increasing  
15 the number of positions in the Forest Service that—

16 (1) are at high or very high risk of wildfires;  
17 and

18 (2) are areas of substantial public use.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
21 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000  
22 for each of fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

23 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more  
24 than 3 percent of the amount made available for a  
25 fiscal year under paragraph (1) may be used by the

- 1 Secretary for the administrative costs of carrying
- 2 out this section.

