

Wildfire recovery legislation aims to protect Californians

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As one of California's largest wildfires in modern history stretches into its third week, state Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens, has introduced legislation to protect residents from canceled insurance policies.

Lara announced the Wildfire Safety and Recovery Act on Wednesday morning. The senator said he hopes that, after going through the legislative process, his proposal could become law by 2019.

The act would require companies to offer mitigation discounts to homeowners who invested in fire-resistant materials and seek approval from the Department of Insurance before reducing policies in high-risk areas.

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