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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDFIRE-AFFECTED AREAS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§127A-       Wildfire-affected areas; prohibitions; safe  
5 entry. (a) No person shall enter a wildfire-affected area for  
6 the purpose of habitation until the department of health  
7 provides public notice, in the manner prescribed in section  
8 1-28.5, that the wildfire-affected area is safe to enter for  
9 this purpose.

10           (b) As used in this section, "wildfire-affected area"  
11 means a specific area that was affected by a wildfire that:

12           (1) Has been designated as toxic by the United States  
13           Environmental Protection Agency; and

14           (2) Is subject to a debris removal program, including any  
15           multi-phase program, to remove hazardous materials and  
16           other fire debris,



1 and was subsequently closed to the public due to safety  
2 hazards."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
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# S.B. NO. 2903

**Report Title:**

DOH; Wildfires; Wildfire-Affected Areas; Safe Entry

**Description:**

Prohibits public entry into wildfire-affected areas for the purpose of habitation until the Department of Health provides notice that the wildfire-affected area is safe to enter for this purpose.

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