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Bill Analysis

SB 1071 creates the Wildland Fire Protection Act. The measure authorizes electric utilities to prepare an electrical wildland fire protection plan. Such a plan shall include a description of the land affected by the plan, procedures the utility will use to inspect its infrastructure and perform vegetation management, modifications or upgrades to facilities, preventative programs, procedures to restore the system in the event of a wildfire, and potential consultation. The utility shall maintain a copy of the plan if it develops a plan. The measure authorizes the utility to recover certain costs associated with developing the plan. The measure holds liable any person who causes an injury arising from the ownership of property which result from wildland fire deliberately spread by such a person. The measure provides that the utility shall not be held liable if it developed a protection plan and complied with the plan. The measure authorizes affected property owners to bring a civil action against any electric utility that intentionally, recklessly, or negligently caused a wildland fire.

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