

PROCLAMATION

**CREATION OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ON
THE PANHANDLE WILDFIRES**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 17, and Rule 4, Sections 57 and 58, Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.

The committee shall have five members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

SECTION 2. DUTIES.

The committee shall conduct all inquiries into the 2024 Panhandle wildfires, including investigating:

- (1) factors contributing to the wildfires;
- (2) allocation of resources to and effectiveness of wildfire disaster preparedness and response; and
- (3) coordination between local, state, and federal governmental entities with regard to wildfire prevention, disaster preparedness, and response.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP.

The following are hereby appointed as members of the Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires:

Representative Ken King, Chair
Representative Dustin Burrows
Representative Todd Hunter
Jason Abraham, Public Member
Ashley Cash, Public Member

SECTION 4. REPORTING.


The committee shall submit a report no later than May 1, 2024, in the same manner as an interim study committee under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives. The report shall include the committee's findings, including recommended legislative solutions and other actions for preventing future wildfires and improving wildfire disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation.



DADE PHELAN
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Chief Clerk