

HR 1379

Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Apr 5, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 5, 2011
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 5, 2011
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Apr 5, 2011
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Apr 5, 2011
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 1, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 11, 2011
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 6, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3479	Related bill	<b>Sep 12, 2012:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 480.
112 S 646	Identical bill	<b>Feb 27, 2012:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 329.

Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011 - National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2011 - Amends the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to revise and reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program through FY2015. Repeals provisions establishing the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction and an associated advisory committee. Revises responsibilities of Program agencies, including by making: (1) the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) responsible for research and development to improve building standards and practices; (2) the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), consistent with its all hazards approach, responsible for facilitating the adoption of model building codes; (3) the United States Geological Survey (USGS) responsible for providing real-time earthquake information; and (4) the National Science Foundation (NSF) responsible for funding basic research. Makes NIST (currently, USGS) responsible for organizing investigations under the post-earthquake investigations program.

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Reauthorization Act of 2011 - Amends the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 to revise and reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program through FY2015. Repeals provisions requiring the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to establish an Interagency Working Group responsible for the planning, management, and coordination of the Program. Designates NIST as the lead agency and sets forth revised responsibilities of NIST and the other Program agencies: FEMA, NSF, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Establishes an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Natural Hazards Risk Reduction, chaired by the Director of NIST, to oversee the planning and coordination of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and other federal research for natural hazard mitigation that the Committee considers appropriate. Requires: (1) the Committee to develop strategic plans and coordinated budgets for such Programs; and (2) the Director to establish an Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction, an Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction, and other advisory committees to mitigate the impact of natural disasters, as necessary.

Amends: (1) the National Construction Safety Team Act to authorize safety teams to be established for deployment after events causing the failure of infrastructure, as well as buildings, leading to a substantial loss of life; and (2) the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to include among the types of fires subject to the Fire Research Center's research program fires at the wildland-urban interface.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 7, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Apr 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 5, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.