

## HR 1953

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include procedures for requests from Indian tribes for a major disaster or emergency declaration, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** May 24, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. (May 25, 2011)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 25, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2283	Related bill	<b>Mar 29, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of May 24, 2011)

Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the Chief Executive of an affected Indian tribal government (the person recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as the chief elected administrative officer of that government) to submit a request for a declaration by the President that, consistent with requirements of that Act, a major disaster or emergency exists.

Provides that: (1) in implementing assistance authorized by the President in response to such requests, references to "state" and "governor" shall mean "Indian tribal government" (the governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe under the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994) and the Chief Executive of an affected Indian tribal government; and (2) nothing in this Act shall prohibit a tribal government from receiving such assistance through a presidential declaration at the request of a state if the President does not make a declaration under this Act for the same incident.

Requires any non-federal contributions of less than \$200,000 required under such Act to be paid by an Indian tribal government to be waived. Allows any required non-federal contribution more than \$200,000 to be adjusted or waived in accordance with criteria established by the President.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **May 24, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E943)
- **May 24, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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