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Disaster Assistance Recoupment Fairness Act of 2011

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

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| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA] | D · LA | | May 17, 2011 |
| Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS] | R · MS | | May 26, 2011 |
| Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT] | R · UT | | Jun 8, 2011 |
| Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL] | R · AL | | Jun 8, 2011 |
| Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA] | R · LA | | Jun 16, 2011 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Jul 31, 2012 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Disaster Assistance Recoupment Fairness Act of 2011 - Authorizes the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to waive a debt owed to the United States relating to federal assistance provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to individuals and households in relation to a major disaster declared by the President during the period of August 28, 2005-December 31, 2010, if: (1) such assistance was distributed based on an error by FEMA, (2) there was no fault on behalf of the debtor, and (3) the collection of the debt would be against equity and good conscience. Prohibits the Administrator from waiving such a debt that involves fraud, the presentation of a false claim, or misrepresentation by the debtor or any party having an interest in the claim.

Directs the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), at 3-month intervals until 18 months after this Act's enactment, to submit a report that assesses the cost-effectiveness of FEMA's efforts to recoup improper payments under the individuals and households program under such Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Lieberman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 478.
- **May 26, 2011:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2394-2395)
- **Apr 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.