

## HR 1859

Disaster Declaration Improvement Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** May 7, 2013

**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 8, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/1859>

### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 8, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 7, 2013)

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Disaster Declaration Improvement Act of 2013 - Directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to issue regulations to ensure that: (1) in any review of a request for major disaster assistance conducted by FEMA, the factor relating to the estimated cost of assistance (evaluating the estimated cost of federal and nonfederal public assistance against the statewide population) is provided consideration that is equal to that provided to each of the other factors (i.e., localized impacts, insurance coverage in force, hazard mitigation, recent multiple disasters, and other federal assistance programs); and (2) FEMA considers a state's request for major disaster assistance for recommendation to the President without regard to any per capita damage threshold (other than a threshold described below) in any case in which a disaster occurs with respect to a city or unincorporated jurisdiction with a population of less than 250,000, located in a county with a population of more than 1 million and a state with a population of more than 5 million, and with respect to which the financial damage relating to the disaster exceeds 10% of a city's general fund or \$100 per capita (in the case of an unincorporated jurisdiction).

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **May 7, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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