

S 1768

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 6, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 12, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 2, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 6, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 1, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 28, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 28, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6650	Related bill	Aug 16, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018

This bill amends the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to reauthorize through FY2023, and expand activities under, the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program to include: (1) gathering information on community resilience (i.e., the ability of a community to prepare for, recover from, and adapt to earthquakes); (2) publishing a systematic set of maps of active faults and folds, liquefaction susceptibility, susceptibility for earthquake-induced landslides, and other seismically induced hazards; and (3) continuing the development of the Advanced National Seismic System, including earthquake early warning capabilities.

(Sec. 2) The bill modifies the Act's findings to include Puerto Rico as vulnerable to the hazards of earthquakes, and adds Oregon and Tennessee to the list of states cited as having major or moderate seismic risk.

(Sec. 3) With respect to earthquake hazard reduction activities, the bill revises or expands the duties of: (1) the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction, (2) the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), (3) the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), (4) the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and (5) the National Science Foundation.

(Sec. 4) The Government Accountability Office shall complete a review of federal earthquake hazard risk reduction efforts.

(Sec. 5) NIST and FEMA must jointly convene a committee of experts to assess and recommend options for improving seismic safety standards.

(Sec. 6) The USGS must submit to Congress a five-year management plan for the continued operation of the Advanced National Seismic System.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 11, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-307.
- **Nov 29, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Mr. Rohrabacher moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9581-9586)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1768.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9581-9584)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9581-9584)
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 1, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 28, 2018:** 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.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6364)
- **Sep 27, 2018:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (CR S6364)
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 6, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-336.
- **Sep 6, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 568.
- **Dec 13, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.