

## HR 4438

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to waive a prohibition, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. (Nov 17, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Nov 16, 2017
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 16, 2017)

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This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to authorize the President to waive the general prohibition against duplication of benefits for losses as a result of a major disaster or emergency if the President finds such waiver is in the public interest. A request for a waiver must be granted or denied not later than 45 days after its submission.

In making a waiver decision the President may consider the recommendations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and cost benefits.

The President may not determine that a loan is a duplication of assistance.

The general prohibition against duplication of benefits under the Stafford Act does not preclude funding of activities associated with the construction of a federally authorized water resources development project.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.