

## HR 4455

### SMART Rebuilding Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4460	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 850.
115 S 3041	Related bill	Dec 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 737.
115 HR 4	Related bill	May 8, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 401.
115 HR 4667	Related bill	Jan 4, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.

## **Supporting Mitigation Activities and Resiliency Targets for Rebuilding Act or the SMART Rebuilding Act**

This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide incentives to invest in measures that increase readiness for, and resilience from, a major disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must issue comprehensive guidance on measures and investments that will be recognized for the purpose of increasing the federal share of disaster assistance.

The bill authorizes the President to: (1) establish a National Public Infrastructure Predisaster Mitigation Fund which may be used for activities to implement design standards to protect the welfare of buildings' users against disasters, and (2) contribute to state and local governments for their associated expenses which shall include base and overtime wages for extra hires to facilitate the implementation and enforcement of adopted building codes for a period of not more than 180 days after the major disaster is declared.

The President may contribute up to 75% of the cost of hazard mitigation measures determined to be cost-effective and which substantially reduce the risk of, or increase resilience to, future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering in any area affected by a major disaster.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.