

HR 4460

Disaster Recovery Reform Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Dec 1, 2017
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Dec 5, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 30, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4667	Related bill	Jan 4, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.
115 HR 4455	Related bill	Nov 22, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
115 S 1932	Related bill	Oct 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 1183	Related bill	Feb 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

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This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to modify the Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to:

- permit the use of technical and financial assistance to establish and carry out enforcement activities to implement codes, specifications, and standards that incorporate the latest hazard-resistant designs;
- direct the President to establish a National Public Infrastructure Predisaster Mitigation Fund;
- authorize the President's contribution to the cost of hazard mitigation measures to be used to increase resilience in any area affected by a major disaster; and
- direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to issue a final rulemaking that defines the terms "resilient" and "resiliency."

The bill authorizes the President to: (1) provide hazard mitigation assistance in any area affected by a wildfire for which assistance was provided; (2) provide incentives to invest in measures that increase readiness for, and resilience from, a future major disaster; and (3) waive Stafford Act provisions regarding duplication of benefits.

The bill amends the Stafford Act to: (1) authorize states to use federal disaster assistance to directly administer temporary and permanent housing for disaster victims, (2) increase assistance to individuals with disabilities, and (3) establish fixed rates for reimbursing states and localities for costs incurred to implement disaster recovery projects.

FEMA shall: (1) provide annual guidance and training for the prioritization of assistance to hospitals and nursing homes during a disaster; (2) issue guidance for the identification of evacuation routes; and (3) review the Unified Federal Environmental and Historic Preservation review process, improve closeout practices, and publish on its website specified information for grant awards and contracts in excess of \$1 million. FEMA may establish one or more national veterinary emergency teams at accredited veterinary schools.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-1098, Part I.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 850.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.