

## HR 4782

Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (May 22, 2018)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 17, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 17, 2018
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jan 19, 2018
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jan 19, 2018
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 22, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 30, 2018
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 23, 2018
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 25, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 16, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2018
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Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 11, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4251	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 S 2165	Related bill	<b>Nov 28, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 4307	Related bill	<b>Nov 8, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 S 2041	Related bill	<b>Oct 31, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 S 2026	Related bill	<b>Oct 26, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 3226	Related bill	<b>Jul 25, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
115 HR 2531	Related bill	<b>May 31, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 2404	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2017:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4418-4419)
115 HR 2263	Related bill	<b>May 5, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 261	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 185	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
115 HR 186	Related bill	<b>Jan 3, 2017:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## **Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act of 2018**

This bill provides for additional disaster-recovery assistance and other assistance to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands with respect to infrastructure, health care, agriculture, education, economic development, and environmental remediation, among other sectors. Specifically, regarding both territories, the bill:

- provides for the use of certain emergency assistance to rebuild electric grids;
- establishes grant programs to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- subject to oversight requirements, increases funding for transportation infrastructure, telecommunications systems, housing, and community development;
- increases funding for Medicaid and Medicare;
- temporarily increases social-services block-grant allotments;
- increases funding for, and otherwise revises, rural and agricultural programs;
- increases funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- provides for aid to the Head Start program, elementary and secondary education programs, and higher education programs;
- increases funding for training and employment services;
- modifies provisions concerning unemployment assistance, taxation, and federal permitting;
- increases funding for economic and community development programs;
- increases funding for environmental remediation;
- requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to submit to Congress a disaster-relief plan; and
- otherwise modifies provisions related to emergency funding and disaster-recovery assistance.

In addition, the bill:

- extends Medicaid waiver authority to all territories, provides for Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allotments to the territories, and otherwise revises the Medicaid and Medicare programs with respect to the territories;
- provides for health-insurance coverage for individuals residing in territories without health exchanges;
- extends participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Supplemental Security Income Program to all territories;
- modifies provisions concerning the earned-income tax credit and the child tax credit with respect to the territories; and
- modifies provisions concerning the application of certain workers' protections in Puerto Rico.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jan 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Agriculture, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, the Budget, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.