

HR 4782

Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Equitable Rebuild Act of 2018

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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

Name: Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

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

- **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.