

HR 6650

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 16, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 3, 2018
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to expand activities under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program to include: (1) gathering information on community resilience (i.e., the ability of a community to prepare for, recover from, and adapt to earthquakes); (2) publishing a systematic set of maps of active faults and folds, liquefaction susceptibility, susceptibility for earthquake-induced landslides, and other seismically induced hazards; and (3) continuing the development of the Advanced National Seismic System, including earthquake early warning capabilities.

With respect to earthquake hazard reduction activities, the bill revises or expands the duties of: (1) the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction, (2) the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), (3) the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), (4) the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and (5) the National Science Foundation.

The Government Accountability Office shall complete a review of federal earthquake hazard risk reduction efforts.

NIST and FEMA must jointly convene a committee of experts to assess and recommend options for improving seismic safety standards for federal buildings. The USGS must submit to Congress a five-year management plan for the continued operation of the Advanced National Seismic System.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Aug 4, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Aug 3, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 3, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.