

## S 1579

### Budgeting for Disasters Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		May 21, 2019
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 21, 2019
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 21, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3217	Identical bill	Jun 11, 2019: Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.

## **Budgeting for Disasters Act**

This bill modifies the budget enforcement procedures that apply to federal spending for natural disasters and emergencies.

The bill includes provisions that

- eliminate the requirements to adjust annual discretionary spending limits to accommodate additional appropriations for disaster relief and wildfire suppression;
- increase the number of votes that is required to waive the Senate point of order against emergency spending designations, which exempt spending from discretionary spending limits; and
- require the Government Accountability Office to report on spending for emergencies and disaster relief.

## **Actions Timeline**

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