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Disaster Assistance for Rural Communities Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2020)

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This bill expands the availability of Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster assistance for rural small businesses.

Currently, the declaration of a disaster by the SBA is contingent upon a certain number of homes or businesses being damaged or economically injured (e.g., at least 25 homes or 25 businesses are damaged). The bill authorizes the SBA to declare a disaster in a rural area if any home, small business, private nonprofit, or small agricultural cooperative located in such area has incurred significant damage.

The bill defines a rural area as an area with a population of less than 200,000 outside an urbanized area.

Actions Timeline

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