

## S 4627

### FEMA Assistance Relief Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Sep 17, 2020

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 17, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 17, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 17, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8266	Identical bill	Nov 18, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 S 4800	Related bill	Nov 9, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 581.
116 HR 925	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HR 8406	Related bill	Sep 29, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, 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.
116 HR 6669	Related bill	May 4, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

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This bill modifies the federal cost share of certain emergency assistance relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the bill provides for (1) a 100% federal cost share of assistance provided under the emergency declaration issued by the President on March 13, 2020, relating to COVID-19 and any subsequent major disaster declaration that supersedes it; and (2) at least a 90% federal cost share of assistance provided for any emergency or major disaster declared by the President from January 1-December 31, 2020.

With respect to the emergency declaration issued on March 13, 2020, the President may provide assistance for activities, costs, and purchases of states or local governments or the owners or operators of eligible private nonprofits, including, among other things

- backfill costs for first responders and other essential employees who are ill or quarantined;
- increased operating costs for essential government services due to such emergency;
- costs associated with maintaining alternate care facilities or related facilities currently inactive but related to future needs tied to the ongoing pandemic event;
- personal protective equipment and other critical supplies and services for first responders and other essential employees; and
- costs of procuring and distributing food to individuals affected by the pandemic through networks established by state, local, or tribal governments or other organizations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 17, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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