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National Landslide Preparedness Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

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| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Feb 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO] | R · CO | | Feb 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] | R · AK | | Feb 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Feb 14, 2019 |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK] | R · AK | | Mar 5, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 5, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 8810 | Related bill | Jan 5, 2021: Became Public Law No: 116-323. |
| 116 HR 1261 | Related bill | Jun 4, 2019: Received in the Senate. |

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This bill directs the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program to identify and understand landslide hazards and risks, reduce losses from landslides, protect communities at risk of landslide hazards, and help improve communication and emergency preparedness.

The USGS shall, among other things

- develop and publish a national strategy for landslide hazards, risk reduction, and response in the United States (including territories);
- develop and maintain a publicly accessible national landslide hazard and risk inventory database;
- expand the early warning system for debris flow; and
- establish emergency response procedures for the rapid deployment of federal scientists, equipment, and services to areas impacted by a significant landslide event.

The USGS may provide grants to research, map, assess, and collect data on landslide hazards.

The National Science Foundation may provide grants to eligible entities for landslide research.

The USGS (1) shall establish the 3D Elevation Program and the 3D Elevation Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee, and (2) may make grants and enter into cooperative agreements to facilitate the improvement of nationwide coverage of 3D elevation data.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 7, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 7, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 4, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S4644-4647)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4644-4647)
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-165.
- **Dec 5, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 315.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.