

HR 5953

Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 26, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to waive certain debts owed to the United States related to disaster assistance provided to an individual or household.

Specifically, FEMA must waive a debt owed to the United States related to disaster assistance provided to an individual or household if such assistance (1) was distributed based on an error by FEMA and such debt is construed as a hardship, and (2) is subject to a claim or legal action.

FEMA must report to Congress on (1) actions that it will take to reduce the error rate, and (2) the internal processes used to make decisions regarding the distribution of federal disaster assistance to individuals and households and any changes made to such processes.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5856-5858)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5953.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5856)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5856)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-577.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 475.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 25, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.