

HR 6071

FEMA Disaster Preparedness Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

FEMA Disaster Preparedness Improvement Act

This bill increases Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support for disaster preparedness and emergency response to states and U.S. territories.

Specifically, the bill increases the federal cost share to 85% for (1) hazard mitigation measures with respect to a major disaster (currently, 75%); and (2) emergency management performance grants (currently, 50%).

The bill makes special flood hazard areas that have suffered at least one severe repetitive loss or repetitive loss under the National Flood Insurance Program eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grants. It also exempts the time it takes to complete environmental reviews from the 36-month deadline to complete FEMA-funded hazard mitigation projects.

The Government Accountability Office must report on the challenges to states and U.S. territories in obtaining assistance under FEMA's public assistance program alternative procedures.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 4, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E257-258)
- **Mar 4, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.