

HR 6687

Pandemic Disaster Assistance Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (May 4, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3534	Related bill	Mar 19, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide direct assistance to individuals who have been impacted by a pandemic and appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor for unemployment compensation and disaster relief.

Specifically, at the discretion of a governor or the President, individuals impacted by a pandemic will be eligible to apply directly to federal agencies for various forms of assistance, including (1) assistance under the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program; (2) assistance under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program; and (3) other needs assistance through FEMA's Individual Assistance program, including medical, funeral, and child care assistance.

With respect to the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program, the bill creates a national floor for benefits at 1.5 times the national weekly average and provides a waiver to the requirement to exhaust state unemployment insurance options.

With respect to the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program, the Department of Agriculture must provide options other than an in-person interview.

Actions Timeline

- **May 4, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.