

## HR 6785

FEMA Tribal Coordinator Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** May 8, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Native Americans

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **FEMA Tribal Coordinator Act**

This bill requires the President to appoint a tribal response coordinating officer immediately following the declaration of a multi-state major disaster or emergency.

The duties of such officer shall include

- conducting an assessment of relief most urgently needed in consultation with all affected Indian tribal governments;
- in the case of a public health emergency, working with the Indian Health Service to conduct outreach to tribally operated health programs to assess needs;
- establishing a liaison within each Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Office and each Indian Health Service Area Office;
- coordinating administration of relief to Indian tribal governments and tribal healthcare providers (including, in the event of a public health emergency, distributions from the Strategic National Stockpile, and establishing a single point of contact for tribal requests for assistance); and
- coordinating assistance with submission of reimbursement requests and grant applications.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall consider a request from an Indian tribal government in the same manner as a request from a state.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 11, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 8, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 8, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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