HR 876

Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2019

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Emergency Management
Introduced: Jan 30, 2019
Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm
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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 6, 2019)

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This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The term "Cascadia Subduction Zone" means the landward-dipping fault that is approximately 684 miles long, separates the Juan De Fuca and North America plates, and stretches along a portion of the western coast of the United States beginning off Cape Mendocino, California, along the states of Oregon and Washington, to Northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

The President shall establish an Earthquake and Tsunami Task Force to develop a comprehensive strategy and recommendations on how the nation should prepare and plan for, mitigate against, respond to, recover from, and more successfully adapt to an earthquake, tsunami, or combined earthquake and tsunami event in the Cascadia Subduction Zone. FEMA shall report to Congress on the comprehensive strategy and task force recommendations.

The task force shall enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences for developing recommendations for a federal research strategy to advance scientific understanding of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and resulting tsunami preparedness.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 7, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1368-1370)
- **Feb 6, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 876.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1368-1369)
- **Feb 6, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1368-1369)
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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