

HR 8882

FLOODS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (Dec 7, 2020)

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred To | Dec 4, 2020 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred To | Dec 4, 2020 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 4462 | Related bill | Nov 17, 2020: Held at the desk. |

Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act or the FLOODS Act

This bill addresses forecasting and the communication of flood, tornado, and hurricane events by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Among other provisions, the bill

- directs NOAA to establish a National Integrated Flood Information System to better inform and provide for more timely decision-making to reduce flood-related effects and costs;
- establishes partnerships with institutions of higher education and federal agencies to improve total water predictions;
- designates a service coordination hydrologist at each National Weather Service River Forecast Center to increase impact-based decision support services at the state and local level;
- requires NOAA to evaluate and improve flood watches and warnings and communication of information to support preparation and responses to floods;
- ensures that the tornado warning improvement and extension program periodically examines the value of incorporating innovative observations, such as acoustic or infrasonic measurements, observations from phased array radars, and observations from mesonets;
- requires NOAA to estimate and communicate the frequency of precipitation;
- establishes an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Water Management to ensure that federal agencies that engage in water-related matters, including water storage and supplies, water quality and restoration activities, water infrastructure, transportation on rivers and inland waterways, and water forecasting, work together where such agencies have joint or overlapping responsibilities; and
- directs NOAA to conduct an analysis of gaps in the availability of snow-related data to assess and predict floods and flood impacts.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Dec 7, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Dec 4, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 4, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

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