

HR 1438

FLOODS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 23, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		May 4, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 13, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		May 17, 2021
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Sep 23, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 26, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 558	Related bill	Dec 27, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-316.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2021)

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

- **Apr 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2021:** 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.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.