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Reforming Disaster Recovery Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 26, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 5, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 5, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Dec 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4670	Related bill	Jul 28, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
117 S 3045	Related bill	Oct 21, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
117 HR 4707	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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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This bill addresses the response of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to disasters.

The bill establishes the Office of Disaster Management and Resiliency at HUD to coordinate HUD disaster preparedness and response responsibilities. The office must also coordinate with other federal agencies in supporting recovery and resiliency activities.

Further, the bill creates the Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund to fund the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program. The program must provide states, tribes, and communities with grants for rebuilding affordable housing and infrastructure after a disaster. Grantees are required to certify that funds will be administered in compliance with specified fair housing and civil rights laws. Grantees must also prioritize assistance for extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income victims of disasters, as well as other vulnerable groups.

The bill also provides for increased data sharing regarding disasters, including by requiring HUD to share data with other federal agencies regarding disaster benefits and by requiring the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration to share data on disaster benefit applicants with HUD.

Actions Timeline

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