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ESCAPE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Feb 24, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Feb 24, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 24, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1142	Identical bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Feb 24, 2021)

Enhancing the Strength and Capacity of America's Primary Evacuation routes Act or the ESCAPE Act

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide assistance for projects that strengthen and protect mass evacuation routes.

Specifically, DOT must (1) establish criteria for states, tribal and local governments, and other entities to identify mass evacuation routes; (2) establish a competitive grant program to provide grants for resilience projects that strengthen and protect evacuation routes that are essential for providing and supporting mass evacuations caused by emergency events; and (3) provide grants to resilience projects that ensure the ability of the evacuation route to provide safe passage during a mass evacuation and reduce the risk of damage to evacuation routes as a result of future emergency events.

Actions Timeline

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