

## HR 4938

REAAI for Disasters Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 10, 2021
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Aug 23, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2022
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Sep 19, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 6, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 9, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 6, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2658	Related bill	<b>Aug 5, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of Aug 6, 2021)

### Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion for Disasters Act or the READI for Disasters Act

This bill establishes programs and requirements to assist individuals with disabilities and older adults (age 50 or older) with disaster preparedness.

Among other provisions, the bill

- requires the establishment of an advisory committee that includes disabled individuals and older adults to oversee the use of funds made available by this bill;
- allows states to contract with Centers for Independent Living to provide services and support to disabled individuals in preparing for hazards;
- requires the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants to carry out projects of national significance that, among other things, create opportunities for disabled individuals and older adults to directly contribute to disaster preparedness, recovery, and mitigation;
- modifies and expands the membership of the National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters to ensure that it represents the diversity of the disabled and older adult communities; and
- establishes the Disability and Disaster Preparedness Advisory Commission to review settlement agreements involving potential violations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The Government Accountability Office must study the compliance of federal agencies with such enactments in expending funds to support disabled individuals and older adults in responding to, recovering from, and mitigating disasters.

## Actions Timeline

- **Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 6, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, 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.