

HR 5532

National Disaster Safety Board Act of 2021

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 3624	Related bill	Jun 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
117 S 1952	Related bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill provides funding for and establishes within the executive branch a National Disaster Safety Board to study and make recommendations concerning the underlying causes of disaster-related fatalities and property damage.

Specifically, the board shall review and establish the facts, circumstances, and cause or probable cause of the loss of life, human injury, and economic injury due to a natural hazard with 10 or more fatalities. The bill defines *natural hazard* to mean a major disaster that is naturally occurring, to include any naturally occurring heat wave or wildfire, and to exclude a technological disaster.

The Government Accountability Office shall audit the board at least once every two years.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
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