

## HR 5689

Resilient AMERICA Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Apr 6, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Oct 22, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Nov 4, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 6, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Oct 27, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Resilient Assistance for Mitigation for Environmentally Resilient Infrastructure and Construction by Americans Act or the Resilient AMERICA Act**

This bill addresses disaster resilience issues and expands coverage for hazard mitigation.

The bill

- increases from 6% to 15% the estimated aggregate amount of grants that may be set aside for national public infrastructure pre-disaster hazard mitigation assistance;
- makes private nonprofit facilities eligible for technical and financial assistance for implementing cost-effective pre-disaster hazard mitigation measures;
- provides funding for water resources development projects; and
- expands the use of hazard mitigation assistance to cover certain activities pertaining to wildfires, tsunamis, and ice storms.

Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must set aside 10% of funds made available for any given year to further the implementation and enforcement of the latest published editions of relevant consensus-based building codes.

FEMA must require as a condition of providing nonemergency financial assistance for construction projects costing at least \$1 million that the steel and iron used in the projects be produced in the United States, with certain exceptions.

FEMA must carry out a residential resilience pilot program to provide grants for residential resilience retrofits (e.g., elevation of homes, floodproofing measures, wildfire retrofit and mitigation measures, and wind retrofits).

The Government Accountability Office must study the challenges to states and territories in obtaining funds under public assistance alternative procedures.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 6, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Mr. DeFazio moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4170-4175)
- **Apr 5, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5689.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4182-4183)
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 383 - 41 (Roll no. 113).(text: CR H4170-4172)
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- **Apr 5, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 117-277.
- **Mar 24, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 204.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 63 - 2.
- **Oct 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Oct 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
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