

## HR 5780

Disaster Equity and Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Oct 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Oct 29, 2021)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3093	Identical bill	<b>Oct 27, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Disaster Equity and Fairness Act**

This bill makes changes in the provision of federal disaster assistance to underserved communities and other specified recipients.

*Underserved community* means populations sharing a particular characteristic and geographic communities that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life.

Specifically, the bill increases the federal cost share to a local government or Indian tribal government in connection with a second or subsequent major disaster during any three-year period.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may provide assistance to a state, local government, or Indian tribal government to reimburse the cost of coordinating food delivery, production, and distribution in the event of a major disaster.

FEMA must provide direct technical assistance to eligible entities for applications and prioritize specified categories of communities, including underserved communities, those that have demonstrated a compelling need, and those that are exposed to increased hazards or vulnerabilities.

The bill increases the federal cost share for a recipient (1) that will use the assistance in, or for the benefit of persons who are members of, an underserved community; or (2) who is in, or who is a member of, an underserved community.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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