

HR 8416

Disaster Survivors Fairness Act of 2022

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2] | D · LA | | Jul 19, 2022 |
| Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6] | R · LA | | Jul 19, 2022 |
| Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large] | R · PR | | Jul 19, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Financial Services Committee | House | Discharged From | Nov 15, 2022 |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 17, 2022 |
| Small Business Committee | House | Discharged From | Nov 15, 2022 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 20, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HRES 1464 | Related bill | Nov 15, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

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This bill makes changes in the process for seeking assistance following a major disaster.

Specifically, the bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish and maintain a web-based interagency electronic information sharing system, to be known as DisasterAssistance.gov, to facilitate the administration of a universal application for direct federal disaster assistance and for other specified purposes.

The President may provide (1) assistance to respond to the disaster-related housing needs of individuals and households who are displaced from their predisaster primary residence that is damaged by a major disaster (currently, such residences must be rendered uninhabitable); and (2) direct assistance for repairs and for cost-effective hazard mitigation measures that reduce threats to life and property or future damage.

FEMA may (1) enter into a cooperative agreement to provide funding to a state agency to establish and operate a website to provide information relating to postdisaster recovery funding and resources; and (2) reimburse a state, tribal, or local government for certain costs relating to sheltering emergency response personnel. The bill extends FEMA's authority to implement state-managed housing assistance as a pilot program until the issuance of final regulations. FEMA must conduct a study and develop a plan to address the challenges associated with providing housing assistance to survivors of major disasters or emergencies.

The Government Accountability Office must report on assistance issues, including improper and potentially fraudulent federal disaster assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2022:** Mr. Carter (LA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8560-8566)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8416.
- **Nov 17, 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.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1464, proceedings on H.R. 8416 are considered vacated.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1464, and the motion offered by Mr. Carter (LA), the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4275, as amended; H.R. 5502, as amended; H.R. 5721, as amended; H.R. 6290, as amended; H.R. 7277, as amended; H.R. 7299, as amended; and H.R. 8416, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1464, and the motion offered by Mr. Carter (LA), the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 4275, as amended; H.R. 5502, as amended; H.R. 5721, as amended; H.R. 6290, as amended; H.R. 7277, as amended; H.R. 7299, as amended; and H.R. 8416, as amended. (consideration: CR H8566-8574; text: CR H8570-8573)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 117-560, Part I.
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Committee on Small Business discharged.
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 401.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 19, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Small Business, 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.