

HR 1796

Disaster Survivors Fairness Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Mar 24, 2023
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Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jul 18, 2023
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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Dec 12, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 12, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Feb 14, 2024
Small Business Committee	House	Discharged From	Feb 14, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	May 23, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill makes changes in the process for seeking and providing 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 the unified disaster application system, to facilitate the administration of a universal application for direct federal disaster assistance.

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) provide funding to a state agency to establish, update, or 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. FEMA must conduct a study and develop a plan to address the challenges and disparities associated with providing housing assistance to survivors of major disasters or emergencies.

The Government Accountability Office must report on (1) assistance issues, including improper and potentially fraudulent federal disaster assistance; and (2) the effectiveness, successes, and challenges of any state-managed housing assistance pilot program and make recommendations on how to improve the provision of assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-390, Part I.
- **Feb 14, 2024:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
- **Feb 14, 2024:** Committee on Small Business discharged.
- **Feb 14, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 319.
- **May 23, 2023:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged
- **May 23, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 23, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 27, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2023:** 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.

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