

HR 255

Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** PR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jan 10, 2023
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Jan 10, 2023
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 16, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 10, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill extends the deadline by which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must (1) conduct a study and develop a plan under which the collection of information from disaster assistance applicants and grantees will be made less burdensome, duplicative, and time consuming for applicants and grantees; and (2) develop a plan for the regular collection and reporting of information on federal disaster assistance awarded.

Not later than two years after enactment of this bill, FEMA shall convene a working group on a regular basis to identify (1) potential areas of duplication or fragmentation in preliminary damage assessments after disaster declarations; and (2) potential emerging technologies, such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (i.e., drones), to expedite the administration of preliminary damage assessments.

FEMA must submit a comprehensive report on the plans for streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments and the findings and recommendations of the working group to Congress with a briefing. The report must be made available to the public and posted on FEMA's website.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 16, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 118-297.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 703.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jan 26, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Mr. Graves (MO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H293-295)
- **Jan 25, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 255.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H293-294)
- **Jan 25, 2023:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H293-294)
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.