

## S 3606

### National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2024

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jan 17, 2024

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Dec 10, 2024)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 17, 2024
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 28, 2024
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 1, 2024
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 11, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 24, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) and expands the activities federal agencies must conduct under the program, including activities relating to secondary effects of earthquakes and post-earthquake infrastructure performance.

NEHRP is a coordinated earthquake hazards reduction program of four federal agencies: the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Science Foundation. Under NEHRP, these agencies are required to conduct various activities relating to earthquakes, including advancing warning systems, hazard reduction measures, and research to improve understanding of earthquakes and their effects.

The bill expands the scope of the activities under NEHRP, including requiring the agencies to

- improve understanding of and develop resilience measures for secondary effects and multiple hazards associated with earthquakes, such as tsunamis and fires;
- increase post-earthquake functional recovery, which means maintaining or restoring the pre-earthquake functionality of buildings and lifeline infrastructure systems (e.g., infrastructure for water, electricity, and transportation); and
- assist public entities with developing an inventory, and conducting seismic performance evaluation, of infrastructure with high seismic risk.

Additionally, the bill specifically includes tribal governments in the activities conducted under NEHRP.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 10, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 10, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6853-6855; text: CR S6853-6855)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 523.
- **Jul 31, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S150)