

HR 601

To modify certain requirements to encourage the recovery of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill modifies certain requirements to assist Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in recovering from specified incidents relating to Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Specifically, the bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in providing assistance for critical services for the duration of the recovery for such incidents, to

- revise specified guidance definitions to provide explicitly that multicomponent systems or facilities be inspected, evaluated, and estimated as a single project rather than requiring every component of the system to be inspected, evaluated, and estimated;
- put into effect, at the request of a disaster assistance applicant, a procedure for evaluation and authorization of projects through professionally licensed engineers; and
- extend the deadline for the presentation of cost estimates and project worksheets until October 31, 2021.

The bill requires (currently, authorizes) FEMA to provide specified assistance for critical services for the duration of the recovery.

Public assistance program alternative procedures adopted by FEMA must ensure that work performed by providers, suppliers, and contractors to the federal, state, local, or tribal governments or nonprofit facilities is paid for and reimbursed in a timely manner.

A local government or nongovernmental organization, in meeting any federal cost-sharing requirement, may use funds from any disaster recovery program or source to meet federal cost-sharing requirements with respect to such incidents.

Actions Timeline

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