

## HR 6997

### Disaster Contract Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jan 16, 2024

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6997>

### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Feb 6, 2024
Rescom. González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Sep 17, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 19, 2024

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 310	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-153.

## **Disaster Contract Improvement Act**

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish an advisory working group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal.

The bill requires (1) FEMA to conduct outreach to states, tribal governments, and local governments with respect to any guidance or support materials developed; and (2) the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study that, among other things, examines the use and adoption rate of advance contracts for debris removal by states, tribal governments, and local governments.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 26, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 118-776.
- **Nov 26, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 641.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jan 19, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 16, 2024:** Introduced in House
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