

Pending Bipartisan Disaster Legislation in the 117th Congress—Updated 10/26/22

Bill #	Title	Sponsors	Primary Agency Affected	Key Provisions
S. 4599	Disaster Assistance Simplification Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Peters (D-MI) Lankford (R-OK) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Universal application</u>: Establishes a single application portal for federal disaster recovery assistance as well as a web-based data-sharing system (DisasterAssistance.gov)
H.R. 8416	Disaster Survivors Fairness Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Titus (D-NV), Graves (R-LA), González-Colón (R-PR), and Carter (D-LA) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Universal application</u>: Establishes a single application portal for federal disaster recovery assistance as well as a web-based data-sharing system (DisasterAssistance.gov) <u>FEMA housing assistance</u>: Expands FEMA’s ability to provide post-disaster housing assistance; provides authority for housing assistance pilot program
H.R. 5774	Expediting Disaster Recovery Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Graves (R-LA) and Plaskett (D-VI) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>FEMA housing assistance</u>: Expands FEMA’s ability to provide post-disaster housing assistance and address unmet needs
H.R. 3037	Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act of 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Espaillat (D-NY) and González-Colón (R-PR) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>FEMA documentation</u>: Expand the types of documentation households may use when applying for FEMA disaster assistance
H.R. 5668	FEMA Relief Extension Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Rice (R-SC) and Fletcher (D-TX) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Extended FEMA assistance period</u>: Changes period of FEMA assistance from 18 to 24 months following a disaster; authorizes the president to charge fair market rents for temporary housing after the end of 24 months
H.R. 321/S. 19	FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Thompson (D-CA), Davis (R-IL), and McGovern (D-MA) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Food partnerships</u>: Authorizes FEMA to approve state, local, and tribal government plans to partner with small/mid-size restaurants and nonprofit orgs to provide meals
H.R. 7046	(N/A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Rice (R-SC) and Garamendi (D-CA) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>FEMA report</u>: Requires FEMA to submit a report describing average amounts of individual and household assistance provided and rates of denial
H.R. 5343	FEMA Caseworker Accountability Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Rice (R-SC), Mace (R-SC), and González-Colón (R-PR) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>GAO report</u>: Directs GAO to report to Congress on case management personnel turnover at FEMA

S. 3128/ H.R. 5802	National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization and Reform Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Menendez (D-NJ) and Cassidy (R-LA) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>NFIP</u>: Reauthorizes NFIP through FY2026; prohibits FEMA from raising certain premiums by more than 9% annually; establishes means-tested assistance program; revises coverage limits; and revises standards for insurance maps
H.R. 2632	Build for Future Disasters Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Peters (D-CA) and Barr (R-KY) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>NFIP</u>: Eliminates NFIP rate subsidies for newly constructed property
H.R. 5689	Resilient America Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. DeFazio (D-OR), Graves (R-MO), Titus (D-NV), and Webster (R-FL) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Resilience and mitigation</u>: Increases funding for BRIC and expands eligibility to nonprofits; funds resources and incentives for communities to retrofit homes and adopt modern building and construction codes; expands the scope of HMGP to prevent utility outages and directs unspent funds to future disaster relief efforts
H.R. 6461/ S. 3531	National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy (NCARS) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Coons (D-DE) and Murkowski (R-AK); Reps. Peters (D-CA) and Salazar (R-FL) 	FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Chief Resilience Offices</u>: Would streamline efforts across agencies for a unified strategy and establish a national Chief Resilience Officer in the White House
H.R. 7178	Champion Local Efforts to Advance Resiliency (CLEAR) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Crow (D-CO) and Rouzer (R-NC) 	HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Chief Resilience Offices</u>: Creates a program at HUD to provide grants to states and tribal nations to establish and maintain their own Chief Resilience Offices
H.R. 4707/ S. 2471	Reforming Disaster Recovery Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Schatz (D-HI), Collins (R-ME), Young (R-IN), Leahy (D-VT), and Cassidy (R-LA); Rep. Al Green (D-TX) 	HUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>CDBG-DR</u>: Permanently authorizes CDBG-DR and makes technical reforms to the program
H.R. 3192/ S. 1617	Disaster Assistance for Rural Communities Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reps. Golden (D-ME) and Hagedorn (R-MN); Sens. Risch (R-ID) and Shaheen (D-NH) 	SBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SBA disaster declarations</u>: Authorizes SBA to declare disasters in rural areas with significant damage for the purpose of providing assistance
S. 3349	Streamlining EIDL Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Risch (R-ID) and Hickenlooper (D-CO) 	SBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>SBA assistance updates</u>: Requires SBA to provide applicants for loans and grants with updates on their applications
H.R. 5532/ S. 1952	National Disaster Safety Board Act/ Disaster Learning and Life Saving Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Schatz (D-HI) and Cassidy (R-LA); Reps. Porter (D-CA), Mace (R-SC), and Garamendi (D-CA) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>National Disaster Safety Board</u>: Would create an independent board to study the causes of disaster-related fatalities and property damage across the nation

S. 558/ H.R. 1438	Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support (FLOODS) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Wicker (R-MS) and Peters (D-MI); Rep. Sherrill (D-NJ) 	NOAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Flood research tool</u>: Would establish a “National Integrated Flood Information System” to coordinate and integrate flood research at NOAA, among other provisions
S. 3053	Providing Research and Estimates of Changes In Precipitation (PRECIP) Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sens. Booker (D-NJ) and Wicker (R-MS) 	NOAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Precipitation research</u>: Directs NOAA to support R&D study for precipitation, and requires updates for precipitation estimates as well as a national guidance document

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Democrat sponsored

Bill #	Title
S. 3502	Achieving Equity in Disaster Response, Recovery, and Resilience Act of 2022
S. 2234/ H.R. 5385	Affordable Housing Opportunities Made Equitable Act or the Affordable HOME Act
H.R. 6492	Climate Resilience Workforce Act
H.R. 2052	DISASTER Act of 2021
H.R. 5780/ S. 3093	Disaster Equity and Fairness Act
S. 2626	Disaster Relief Medicaid Act
S. 2362	Fairness in Federal Disaster Declarations Act of 2021
H.R. 2016	Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act
H.R. 5043	Federal Disaster Housing Stability Act of 2021
H.R. 744/ S. 280	FEMA Climate Change Preparedness Act
H.R. 7668/ S. 4159	FEMA Equity Act
H.R. 5782/ S. 3092	FIRE Act
S. 3592	Firefighter Staffing and Support Act
H.R. 6125	No Double Debt for Disaster Survivors Act of 2021
H.R. 6569/ S. 3560	PLACE Act
H.R. 3394	Protect Victims of Major Disasters Act of 2021
S. 2658	READI for Disasters Act
H.R. 7949	Stay COOL Act

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H.R. 3162	Disaster Relief Transparency Act
H.R. 2669/ S. 2212	FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act
H.R. 7628	IMPROVE the SBA Act
H.R. 4299	N/A

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Bill #	Title
S. 2293	CREW Act of 2021
S. 4205	PAW Act
H.R. 5641	SPEED Recovery Act