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H. R. 4560

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide requirements relating to the funding of predisaster hazard mitigation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2025

Mr. FIGURES (for himself and Mr. EDWARDS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Building Resilient In-
5 frastructure and Communities for All Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 of the Robert T.
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5133) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c) by striking “or local gov-
6 ernment” in each place it appears;

7 (2) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A) by striking
10 “not fewer than five local governments to
11 receive assistance under this section” and
12 inserting “projects to receive assistance
13 under this section that are cost-effective
14 and designed to reduce injuries, loss of life,
15 and damage and destruction of property,
16 including damage to critical services and
17 facilities”; and

18 (ii) by striking subparagraph (C);

19 (B) in paragraph (2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A) by striking
21 “in providing assistance to local govern-
22 ments under this section, the President
23 shall select from local governments rec-
24 ommended by the Governors under this
25 subsection.” and inserting “a State that
26 receives funds under this section may use

1 such funds only for projects recommended
2 under paragraph (1)(A)”; and

3 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
4 inserting the following:

5 “(B) PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL.—The
6 President may approve a project that has not
7 been recommended by a Governor under this
8 subsection as an eligible use of funds if the
9 President determines that extraordinary cir-
10 cumstances justify the selection and that mak-
11 ing the selection will further the purpose of this
12 section.”; and

13 (C) in paragraph (3) by striking “the
14 President may select, subject to the criteria
15 specified in subsection (g), any local govern-
16 ments of the State to receive assistance under
17 this section.” and inserting “such State may
18 not receive funds under the formula described
19 in subsection (f)(2).”;

20 (3) in subsection (f)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)—

22 (i) by striking “on a competitive
23 basis” and inserting “to a State or an In-
24 dian tribal government through a direct al-

1 location based on the formula described in
2 paragraph (2)”; and

3 (ii) by striking “and in accordance
4 with the criteria in subsection (g)”;

5 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
6 ing the following:

7 “(2) FORMULA.—In providing financial assist-
8 ance under this section, the President shall dis-
9 tribute to each eligible State available funds for a
10 fiscal year using the following formula:

11 “(A) Thirty-three percent of available
12 funds shall be distributed equally among each
13 eligible State.

14 “(B) Thirty-three percent of available
15 funds shall be distributed among each eligible
16 State in a proportion that gives preference to
17 such States that have a higher population,
18 using data from the most recent census of the
19 United States.

20 “(C) Thirty-three percent of available
21 funds shall be distributed among each eligible
22 State in a proportion that gives preference to
23 States that have the most vulnerability to nat-
24 ural hazards in the critical infrastructure of
25 such States.”;

1 (C) in paragraph (3)(B) by striking “on a
2 competitive basis pursuant to paragraph (1)”
3 and inserting “under this section”; and

4 (D) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) TRIBES.—In providing financial assistance
6 under this section, the President shall ensure that
7 the amount of financial assistance made available to
8 an Indian tribal government is not less than
9 \$75,000,000.

10 “(5) SUBALLOCATION.—Each State that re-
11 ceives assistance under this section shall distribute—

12 “(A) not less than 50 percent of the funds
13 distributed under this subsection to the local
14 government carrying out a project rec-
15 ommended under subsection (d)(1); and

16 “(B) any funds not distributed under (A)
17 to activities described in subsections (b) and (e)
18 of section 203.

19 “(6) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY FOR HAZARD
20 MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—The receipt of funds for
21 a project under this section may not be considered
22 in determining eligibility for funding under section
23 404 for such project.”;

24 (4) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) by striking “In determining whether to
2 provide technical and financial assistance to a
3 State or local government under this section,
4 the President shall provide financial assistance
5 only in States that have” and inserting “The
6 President may only provide financial assistance
7 under this section to a State that has”; and

8 (B) by striking “of such States” and all
9 that follows through “in consultation with State
10 and local governments.” and inserting “of such
11 States.”; and

12 (5) in subsection (h) by striking “mitigation ac-
13 tivities approved by the President” and inserting
14 “mitigation activities under this section”.

15 (b) HAZARD MITIGATION.—Section 404 of the Rob-
16 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c) is amended by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(h) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY FOR PREDISASTER
20 HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—The receipt of funds
21 for a project under this section may not be considered in
22 determining eligibility for funding under section 203 for
23 such project.”.

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