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S. 3403

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to provide assistance for predisaster hazard mitigation measures and adjust the Federal cost share for certain building resilient infrastructure and communities projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2025

Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 Resilience
5 and Stronger Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL SHARE ADJUSTMENT.**

2 Section 203(h) of the Robert. T. Stafford Disaster
3 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133(h))
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) SMALL PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding para-
6 graph (1), the President shall contribute not less
7 than 90 percent of the total cost of a mitigation ac-
8 tivity, the cost of which is less than \$1,000,000.

9 “(4) CRITICAL FACILITIES.—

10 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
11 term ‘critical facility’—

12 “(i) means a building that is essential
13 for the delivery of a vital service or the
14 protection of a community; and

15 “(ii) includes an emergency operation
16 center, a healthcare facility, a police or fire
17 stations, a school, and a power station.

18 “(B) COST SHARE ADJUSTMENT.—Not-
19 withstanding paragraph (1), the President may
20 contribute more than 90 percent of the total
21 cost of a mitigation activity involving a critical
22 facility, the cost of which is less than
23 \$1,000,000.”.

1 **SEC. 3. MANDATORY MITIGATION.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (b) by striking “may” and in-
6 serting “shall”; and

7 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “may” and in-
8 serting “shall”.

9 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**
10 **PREDISASTER MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**

11 Section 203(i)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
12 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
13 5133(i)(1)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “may” and inserting “shall”;
15 and

16 (2) by striking “equal to” and inserting “that
17 is not less than 3 percent and not more than”.

18 **SEC. 5. TRIBAL PROVISIONS.**

19 Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
20 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) by inserting “and Indian Tribes” after
24 “States and local governments”; and

25 (B) by inserting “or Indian Tribes” after
26 “States or local governments”;

1 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or Indian
2 Tribe” after “State or local government” each place
3 it appears;

4 (3) in subsection (d)—

5 (A) by inserting “or Indian Tribes” after
6 “local governments” each place it appears; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) by inserting “or an Indian Tribe”
9 after “a local government”; and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(C) INDIAN TRIBES.—An Indian Tribe
13 shall have access to assistance under this sec-
14 tion either through the President selecting the
15 Indian Tribe directly, by a Governor or a State
16 submitting a recommendation for the Indian
17 Tribe, or through a Tribal-set aside of funds set
18 by the President or based on the Governor or
19 State recommendation.”;

20 (4) in subsection (e)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and
22 Indian Tribes” after “States and local govern-
23 ments”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or In-
2 dian Tribe” after “State or local government”
3 each place it appears; and

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

5 “(3) USES BY INDIAN TRIBES.—Technical and
6 financial assistance provided under this section to an
7 Indian Tribe shall be used for Direct Technical As-
8 sistance to help the Indian Tribe improve resilience
9 to natural hazards, build strong mitigation pro-
10 grams, develop high-quality applications, and carry
11 out innovative mitigation projects.”; and

12 (5) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(m) INDIAN TRIBE DEFINED.—In this section, the
14 term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given the term in
15 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education
16 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”.

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