

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 3067

To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an evaluation and submit to Congress a report on ways to reduce the complexity of the cost effectiveness requirements for hazard mitigation assistance, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Facilitating Hazard
5 Mitigation Projects Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON COST EFFECTIVENESS REQUIREMENTS**
7 **FOR HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.**

8 (a) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “covered assistance” means—

1 (1) any grant program authorized under section
2 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
3 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

4 (2) the hazard mitigation grant program au-
5 thorized under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford
6 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
7 U.S.C. 5170c);

8 (3) hazard mitigation assistance authorized
9 under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
10 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
11 5172); and

12 (4) the flood mitigation assistance program au-
13 thorized under section 1366 of the National Flood
14 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104c).

15 (b) REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360 days
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
18 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
19 cy shall—

20 (A) evaluate how to reduce the complexity
21 of the cost effectiveness requirements of the
22 Federal Emergency Management Agency for
23 covered assistance; and

24 (B) submit to the Committee on Homeland
25 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate and the Committee on Transportation and
2 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
3 a report on the evaluation conducted under sub-
4 paragraph (A) before implementing any find-
5 ings of the evaluation.

6 (2) APPLICATION.—The requirement to report
7 before implementing any findings of the evaluation
8 under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect
9 to any changes to the cost effectiveness requirements
10 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for
11 covered assistance that were made before the date of
12 enactment of this Act.

13 (c) OUTREACH.—In carrying out the evaluation re-
14 quired under subsection (b), the Administrator of the Fed-
15 eral Emergency Management Agency shall consult with
16 appropriate Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
17 governments and nonprofit organizations to discuss pro-
18 posals and receive feedback related to reducing the com-
19 plexity of cost effectiveness analysis for covered assistance.

20 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
22 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall brief the
23 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
24 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation
25 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on—

1 (1) the status of the evaluation required under
2 subsection (b)(1); and

3 (2) outreach carried out under subsection (c).

4 (e) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act
5 shall be construed to modify or otherwise affect any cost
6 effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emergency
7 Management Agency related to covered assistance in exist-
8 ence as of the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (f) **NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**—No additional funds
10 are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
11 rying out this Act.