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# S. 479

To modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

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

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## A BILL

To modify the fire management assistance cost share, and  
for other purposes.

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 “Fire Suppression and  
5 Response Funding Assurance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE AND**  
7 **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.  
9 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
10 (42 U.S.C. 5187) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
2           section (g); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of assist-  
6           ance under this section shall be not less than 75 percent  
7           of the eligible cost of such assistance.

8           “(f) ELIGIBLE EXPENSE.—A State or local govern-  
9           ment may use assistance provided under this section for  
10          the predeployment of assets and resources.”.

11          (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
12          section (a) shall only apply to amounts appropriated on  
13          or after the date of enactment of this Act.

14          **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

15          Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
16          of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-  
17          trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
18          shall conduct and complete a rulemaking to provide cri-  
19          teria for the circumstances under which the Administrator  
20          may recommend the President increase the Federal cost  
21          share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
22          Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187).

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