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# H. R. 3829

To establish a program to provide grants to States, local governments, and electric utilities to make electric infrastructure more resilient to hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major weather-related events.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Mr. SOTO (for himself and Mr. CURBELO of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To establish a program to provide grants to States, local governments, and electric utilities to make electric infrastructure more resilient to hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major weather-related events.

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 Uniform Federal  
5        Grants for Resilient Infrastructure and Design Act of  
6        2017” or “TUFGRID Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy  
3 shall establish and carry out a program to provide grants  
4 to States, local governments, and electric utilities to make  
5 electric infrastructure more resilient to hurricanes, torna-  
6 does, and other major weather-related events.

7 (b) USE OF GRANTS.—Grants provided pursuant to  
8 the program established under subsection (a) may be used  
9 to—

10 (1) relocate electric distribution power lines and  
11 facilities from above ground to underground;

12 (2) replace wooden electric distribution poles  
13 with metal, composite, or concrete electric distribu-  
14 tion poles; or

15 (3) any other use the Secretary considers ap-  
16 propriate to make electric infrastructure more resil-  
17 ient to hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major  
18 weather-related events.

19 (c) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under the pro-  
20 gram established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
21 give priority to States, local governments, and electric util-  
22 ities that serve areas that are, as determined by the Sec-  
23 retary, historically prone to hurricanes, tornadoes, or  
24 other major weather-related events.

25 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the  
26 costs of a project or activity carried out using a grant pro-

1 vided under the program established under subsection (a)

2 may not exceed 50 percent.

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