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H. R. 5652

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide flexibility with the cost share for fire management assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, and Mr. HARDER of California) 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 “Wildfire Recovery
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
6 section (f); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
8 lowing:

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

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

15 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

16 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-
18 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
19 shall conduct and complete a rulemaking to provide cri-
20 teria for the circumstances under which the Administrator
21 may recommend the President increase the Federal cost
22 share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
23 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187).
24 Such criteria shall include a threshold metric that assesses
25 the financial impact to a State or local government from

1 responding to a fire for which fire management assistance
2 is being provided.

3 **SEC. 4. POLICY UPDATE.**

4 The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
5 agement Agency shall update the policy for grants made
6 under section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
7 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187), con-
8 sistent with assistance provided under a major disaster
9 and emergency declaration under such Act, to provide that
10 predeployment of domestic assets by States, local, and
11 Tribal governments may be eligible for reimbursement
12 under such section 420.

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