

# Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition Legislative Priorities



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## TOP PRIORITY

[Reforming Disaster Recovery Act](#) to permanently authorize HUD's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program and ensure that critical housing recovery resources reach households and communities with the greatest needs. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Schatz (D-HI), Collins (R-ME), Murray (D-WA), Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Wyden (D-OR), Wicker (R-MS), Van Hollen (D-MD), Cassidy (R-LA), Tester (D-MT), Tillis (R-NC), Ray Luján (D-NM), Young (R-IN), Booker (D-NJ), and Padilla (D-CA).

## OTHER PRIORITIES

[Disaster Assistance Simplification Act](#) to create a universal application for disaster recovery assistance. By directing federal agencies to create a universal aid application, survivors could apply for numerous programs through one form. The bill not only ensures greater accessibility, but it would make the process more efficient. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee Chair Peters, Ranking Member Paul, and Senators Lankford (R-OK) and Tillis (R-NC). The bill passed the Senate in July of 2023.

[Federal Disaster Housing Stability Act](#) to prevent evictions and foreclosures for individuals and families during a presidentially declared disaster. The bill creates a 120-day moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent or other fees and six-month foreclosure moratorium for homeowners with federally backed mortgages. The bill is sponsored by Representative Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL).

[National Disaster Learning and Lifesaving Act](#) to create an independent board to investigate major natural disasters nationwide. The National Disaster Safety Board (NDSB) would specifically study the underlying causes of disaster-related fatalities and property damage and make recommendations to all levels of government on how to make communities more resilient to the impacts of disasters. The bill was introduced by Senators Schatz (D-HI) and Cassidy (R-LA).

[READI for Disasters Act](#) to assist individuals with disabilities and older adults in preparing for disasters and ensuring that disaster response is accessible and conducted in accordance with federal civil rights law. The bill would require states to work with Centers for Independent Living when responding to disasters, establish a Disability and Disaster Preparedness Advisory Committee, and more. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Casey (D-PA), Gillibrand (D-NY), Warren (D-MA), Duckworth (D-IL), Blumenthal (D-MA), Wyden (D-OR), Sanders (I-VT), Welch (D-VT), and Smith (D-MN).

[Stay Cool Act](#) to address the increased threat of heat emergencies by improving how we study, react to, and mitigate extreme heat. The bill was introduced in the House by Representatives Watson Coleman (D-NJ), Gallego (D-AZ), Bush (D-MO), Clarke (D-NY), Castor (D-FL), Cardenas (D-CA), Evans (D-PA), Payne (D-NJ), Matsui (D-CA), and Doggett (D-TX).

[HEIR Act](#) to require states receiving CDBG-DR funds to allow heirs' property owners to use alternate forms of documentation to prove property ownership for the purpose of receiving disaster assistance. The bill was introduced in the House by Representatives Fletcher (D-TX) and Williams (D-GA).

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