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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Facilitating Hazard
5 Mitigation Projects Act”.

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

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

5 (1) any grant program authorized under section
6 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
7 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

8 (2) the hazard mitigation grant program au-
9 thorized under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford
10 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
11 U.S.C. 5170e);

12 (3) hazard mitigation assistance authorized
13 under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
14 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
15 5172); and

16 (4) the flood mitigation assistance program au-
17 thorized under section 1366 of the National Flood
18 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104e).

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 360 days after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
21 Emergency Management Agency shall—

22 (1) evaluate how to reduce the complexity of the
23 cost effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emer-
24 gency Management Agency for covered assistance;
25 and

1 (2) submit to Congress a report on the evalua-
2 tion conducted under paragraph (1), including ef-
3 forts to implement the findings of the evaluation.

4 (c) OUTREACH.—In carrying out the evaluation re-
5 quired under subsection (b), the Administrator of the Fed-
6 eral Emergency Management Agency shall consult with
7 appropriate Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial
8 governments and nonprofit organizations to discuss pro-
9 posals and receive feedback related to reducing the com-
10 plexity of cost effectiveness analysis for covered assistance.

11 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
13 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall brief the
14 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
15 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
16 rity of the House of Representatives on—

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

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

20 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
21 shall be construed to modify or otherwise affect any cost
22 effectiveness requirements of the Federal Emergency
23 Management Agency related to covered assistance in exist-
24 ence as of the date of enactment of this Act.