

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3240

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2015

Mr. DEFAZIO 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. EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR**
4 **CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE.**

5 (a) PLAN FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION.—

1 (1) DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING.—The Ad-
2 ministrator of the Federal Emergency Management
3 Agency shall—

4 (A) develop a plan for the purchase and in-
5 stallation of an earthquake early warning sys-
6 tem for the Cascadia Subduction Zone; and

7 (B) identify the funds necessary for imple-
8 mentation of the plan.

9 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
10 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Administrator shall submit to the appropriate com-
12 mittees of Congress a copy of the plan.

13 (b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—Not later than
14 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Ad-
15 ministrator shall make grants to States, Indian tribes, and
16 units of local governments to provide for implementation
17 of the plan.

18 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
20 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
21 a report that summarizes the actions taken to implement
22 the plan.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
24 nitions apply:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means the Committee on Transportation and
4 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
5 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
6 mental Affairs of the Senate.

7 (2) EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.—
8 The term “earthquake early warning system” in-
9 cludes—

10 (A) improvements to regional and geodetic
11 networks that support building a capability for
12 an earthquake early warning system; and

13 (B) seismometers, Global Positioning Sys-
14 tem (GPS) receivers, and associated infrastruc-
15 ture.

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